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CONSCRIPTION ACT CARRIES CANADA BY BIG MAJORITY

Borden and Ministers Are Upheld In All But Quebec

LAURIER REJECTED

Leader Of Opposition Defeated In Ottawa But Wins East Quebec

128 SEATS TO 87

Government Has Sure Majority In Parliament And Makes Gains

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Ottawa, December 17.—Sir Robert Borden's Union Government, which went to the country for endorsement of the Conscription Act has been triumphantly re-elected. The returns give the Government 128 seats and the Opposition 87. The results of the elections for twenty seats have not yet been received.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leader of the Opposition, was defeated at Ottawa but elected by an overwhelming majority for Quebec East.

All the Ministers have been re-elected except two who represent Quebec constituencies.

Out of 65 seats in the Province of Quebec the Government has carried only three, namely, in the English-speaking districts of Montreal. The maritime provinces have divided almost evenly. Ontario and the Western Provinces have strongly supported the Government. Toronto and York County have voted for the Government by sweeping majorities.

It is expected that the number of members of Parliament supporting the Government will be increased when the vote of the soldiers overseas is counted, as these will doubtless reverse the result in several constituencies where the representatives of the Opposition Party at present have small majorities.

ENTENTE STILL HOLDS INITIATIVE, SAYS BAKER

Threatened German Offensive On West Won't Turn Balance, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 17.—Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review says: "No element of the military situation should lead us to conclude that the initiative on the Western front has passed to the enemy."

Referring to rumor of great German preparations to roll back the Allies on the Western front, Secretary of War Baker says: "The German Higher Command seeks peace through a victory and is very eager to make us believe he is about to win such a victory."

Mr. Baker admits that an imposing enemy offensive is possible but declares that the increased strength of the Germans on the Western front will not result in any permanent strategic advantage to the Germans.

He says that the conquest of Jerusalem will have a wide influence throughout Turkey and go far in reaffirming the prestige of the Allies in the Orient. "Germany realises the danger attendant on the waning of her influence in the East and therefore will be more anxious than ever to conclude a speedy peace before the war-map becomes less favorable.

With regard to aerial reprisals Secretary of War Baker says that the Allies' raids on German towns, according to observers recently arrived from Germany, have caused a very depressing effect among the civilian population and heightened the growing discontent of the people, who now, for the first time, are being brought face to face with real war.

Naval Inquiry To Result From Sinking Of Convoy By German Destroyers

Force Sent By Beatty To Protect Ships Failed To Arrive In Time

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 17.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the convoy was bound from Scotland for Norway and consisted of one British and five neutral ships, protected by an anti-submarine escort of the destroyers Partridge and Pelew and four armed trawlers. The convoy was attacked on the 12th.

For some reason, which up to the present has not been explained, a force sent by Admiral Beatty to protect the convoy against the attacks of surface vessels did not arrive in time to prevent the destruction of the convoy.

A second convoy, which was also being covered, was not attacked.

The whole circumstances of the incident were being inquired into by Admiral Sturdee, Vice-Admiral de Robeck and Rear-Admiral Goodenough.

How Attack Occurred

The circumstances of the attack, according to the information at present available, were as follows:

Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers at 11.45 on the morning of the 12th and shortly afterwards Pelew and Partridge engaged the enemy, while the convoy scattered in accordance with orders.

Partridge was heavily hit, after which an explosion occurred on board and she sank.

Pelew meanwhile was holed on the water-line and her engines partly disabled. She was eventually brought safely to England.

The enemy then apparently attacked and sank the convoy and trawlers.

88 Scandinavians, including two women, and ten British survivors were rescued by four destroyers, which were detached at full-speed from the British Cruiser Squadron. The other survivors reached Norway in their boats.

The entire crew of 12 men of one trawler was saved in their own boat. The casualties on H. M. S. Pelew were an officer and three men killed and two men seriously wounded.

Our information regarding the survivors of H. M. S. Partridge is incomplete but the British Naval Attache in Holland has telegraphed that it is reported from Kiel that three officers and 21 men of the Partridge and 26 men belonging to the trawlers have been brought there, ten of them being wounded.

Telegrams from Copenhagen state that German light cruisers supported the destroyers.

Neutral survivors state that the Partridge sank after ten minutes fighting against an overwhelming fire, the crews working their guns to the last.

The Germans offered to take on board a number of the neutral seamen after the convoy had been sunk. The neutrals all refused the offer, preferring the chance to reach Norway in their open boats.

During the inquest at a Northeastern port on three of the crew of one of the trawlers mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. T. J. Macnamara, the skipper, testifying, said that the trawler, which was unarmed, was fishing with five others when he heard gun-fire. He went on deck and saw three destroyers stationary 200 yards distant, firing as hard as they could. He alone was not wounded on his own vessel. The destroyers steamed off without offering assistance. Subsequently a British destroyer came up and rescued the survivors.

Swedish Ship Cut In Half

At an inquest at the same port on five Swedes belonging to a Swedish steamer which was torpedoed at 4 a.m. on the 12th, while in convoy, survivors stated that a torpedo cut the vessel in two. Sixteen of the crew of twenty were killed or missing and all the boats smashed. The survivors remained on board for four hours till rescued by a British destroyer. The two halves of the vessel were towed in with the bodies on board.

The Daily Telegraph remarks that the destruction of the Scandinavian convoy further demonstrates the urgency of the man-power problem not merely for the army but also for the navy, which is handicapped owing to the insufficiency of destroyers and other small craft owing to the shortage of labor and steel.

The Daily News remarks that the two incidents are calculated to convert disquiet regarding the capacity of the Admiralty into positive anxiety.

The Daily Mail asks why the finding of the court-martial held in connection with the last affair in the North Sea has not been published.

The Daily Chronicle points to the magnificent work of the fleet in many waters and the small number of disasters but a serious feature is the painful reflection cast on the administrative efficiency of the Grand Fleet and it demands that a Court of Inquiry be appointed by the Admiralty from the outside and not by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Times says that much more explanation is required than of the raid which occurred on October 16, because the wireless carried by the vessels apparently was not destroyed and the attack was made at noon. "We shall be glad to know if sufficient use was made of aircraft for scouting."

Amsterdam, December 17.—A telegram from Kiel states that Lieutenant Grey, a nephew of Viscount Grey, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs, is amongst the prisoners landed from the attacked convoy. Lieutenant Grey was on board H. M. S. Partridge during the fight and assumed command when the Commander fell. He was wounded by a shell splinter and picked up by a German destroyer.

Venice Menaced By Teutonic Advance But Still Safe

A bird's-eye view of Venice, the beautiful Italian city menaced by the latest Teutonic advance. In view of aid being rendered to the Italians by the Allies, it may be that the Teutonic successes will be stopped. Home papers of Nov. 17 said the fall of Venice was momentarily expected, which shows that the German advance has been held up for a full month.

RED CROSS EXCHANGE HAS CHRISTMAS STOCK

Shop On Ave. Edward VII Offers Many Seasonable Articles To Aid War Relief Funds

Worried about those Christmas presents?

Why not go down to the American Red Cross Women's Exchange rooms and see if you can't fill out the blank spaces in your list there?

The Exchange is located at the corner of Avenue Edward VII and Szechuen Road and is marked with several big Red Crosses in its windows, so you can't miss it. And inside there is a wide variety of things suitable for the solution of the Christmas gift problem.

Even allowing that you have completed your Christmas buying, there is at the Exchange a very comprehensive stock of Christmas wrapping paper, colored and decorated with golden Chinese characters expressive of the sentiments of the season. And if the presents haven't all been laid in there are Japanese and Chinese vases, baskets, fancy work, embroidered bags, brass novelties, home made candles, preserves, cakes and the like, ready to gladden the hearts of numbers of unsuspecting prospective recipients.

There is an especially attractive outlay of dolls for the young folks and there are other items calculated to bring joy to the hearts of the kiddies on Christmas day. Mrs. Brodie, who is in charge of the work, will be glad to see all 'Xmas shoppers and will assist them in their selections.

The Exchange shop is handling goods sent in by American women throughout China and, it is hoped, will be a vital help to the American Women's War Relief Work here. All senders are paid the cost of the articles sent in and the profit secured is turned over to the Red Cross work. It may be said that many articles of Eastern manufacture may be had at the shop for prices lower than those which rule in many of the stores.

Bill Making U.S. Dry Is Passed In House By Huge Majority

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 17.—The House has adopted the resolution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants throughout the United States by 282 votes to 128.

Pope Forbids Effort To Retake Jerusalem

Vatican Will Condemn Any Christian Nation Going To Assistance Of Turks

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 18.—The newspaper Messagero says that the Pope is sending a communication to Bishops in the belligerent countries stating that the Vatican will condemn any Christian country assisting the Turks in an attempt to reconquer Jerusalem.

First Woman Doctor In England Is Dead

Mrs. Garrett Anderson Also Was First Woman To Hold Office Of Mayor

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—The death is announced of Mrs. Garrett Anderson, the first woman doctor and woman mayor.

Lancastrians Meet For Dinner at Carlton

Pleasing Program Of Speeches And Toasts Given Last Evening

The Association of Lancastrians in China met, nearly a hundred strong, at the Carlton for a dinner and get-together last evening.

Mr. W. N. C. Allen, president, acted as toastmaster and proposed the toast to His Grace, the Duke of Lancaster, and to the guest of the evening, Sir Everard Fraser, K. C. M. G., who made an appropriate reply. Mr. J. Kerfoot made an excellent speech in proposing "The County Palatine" and Mr. H. W. Pilcher spoke of the Lancastrians at the front. The Lancastrians' Association has two men on their Honor Roll and there are now fifteen members serving with the British forces. In conclusion Mr Allen made a pleasing speech proposing the health of the Association.

The Weather

Fine and cold. The maximum temperature yesterday was 42.2 and the mimimum 21.5, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 48.9 and 43.9.

MORE SMALLPOX CASES REPORTED IN LAST WEEK

Nine Foreigners Stricken While 19 Chinese Die; Vaccination Urged Again

Nine more cases of smallpox among Shanghai's foreign populace are reported in Dr. Arthur Stanley's health report for last week. Among the Chinese 19 deaths from the disease were registered in that period.

The Health Officer reiterates his warning for inoculation against smallpox and typhoid.

"A long period of freedom tends toward a neglect of vaccination," he says in his weekly report, "which also leads to accumulation of susceptible material. That is to say, while the wiser ones see the danger ahead and effectually guard against it, the happy-go-lucky crowd require the actual presence of smallpox cases to frighten them into vaccination. And there still remains a section who are so ignorant that they reject vaccination even when it is brought to their doors."

It is stated that of the smallpox cases among foreigners, 50 per cent are in the Japanese community, and this community has come forward in large numbers for vaccination. Some 2,516 free vaccinations in all are recorded by the Health Department for the month.

Typhoid fever is reported as somewhat more prevalent because of dry dusty weather and attention is directed to the necessity of care as to food and to typhoid inoculation. Two cases of scarlet fever among the foreign population and four deaths from the same disease among the Chinese are reported for the week.

Southern England Brought to Shanghai

The Rev. Darwent Gives Interesting Illustrated Lecture On That District

Members of the Union Church Literary and Social Guild took a pleasant journey through the southern counties of England last evening under the guidance of the Rev. C. E. Darwent, M. A., whose familiarity with the country and acquaintance with its beauties and points of interest made the trip a pleasure indeed.

The journey was in the way of a lecture delivered by the Rev. Darwent at the Union Church. It was illustrated with about a hundred beautifully colored slides to bring out the beauties of the country side. The sides were made from original photographs taken by the lecturer and from steel engravings of places which he has visited. These were sent to Japan and colored according to water color sketches turned out by the Rev. Darwent in order to make the reproductions on the screen as natural as possible. The lecture was held in the large hall of the church and was well attended.

RUSSIANS AGREE TO TAKE TROOPS OUT OF PERSIA

To Withdraw Forces To Guarantee 'Principle Of Neutrality'

TERMS OF PACT

Details Of Armistice With Germany Made Public In Vienna

SEA REGULATIONS

Allied Navies Not To Attack Ships In Baltic Or Black Sea

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—The text of the armistice between the Central Powers and Russia has been published in Vienna.

It extends from noon on December 17 to noon on January 14 and applies to the Russo-Turkish theaters of operations in Asia. The troops on the present fronts will not be strengthened or transferred unless the transfers have already begun at the time of signature. It prescribes the conditions for the development of fraternisation. Intercourse is permissible between sunrise and sunset at certain places, where not more than 25 persons unarmed may assemble simultaneously and exchange newspapers and letters. The sale of goods is permitted.

The armistice applies to the naval and aerial forces in the Black Sea and Baltic. Attacks on merchantmen and warships are to cease as far as possible. The Russian Government undertakes to guarantee that the naval forces of the Entente in these waters shall behave in a similar manner to the Russians.

Seven Armistice Commissions shall meet at Riga, Dvinsk, Brest-Litovsk, Berditchev, Koloszvar, Focsani and Odessa to carry out the details of the armistice.

An additional clause provides for an early withdrawal of military forces from Persia "according to the principle of the freedom and independence of a neutral Persia."

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that a telegram from Kieff states that during the disarming of the Maximalist units the Ukrainian troops seized 72 guns, 350 machine-guns and 5,000,000 cartridges.

The Ukrainian Diet has issued a declaration refusing to recognise the People's Commissioners as the government of the whole Russian Republic.

Shen Kung-Pao Heirs Give $10,000 to Charity

Four Hospitals To Divide Donation Made By Family Of Shanghai Millionaire

Letters published in the Municipal Gazette today reveal that the heirs of the late Shen Kung-pao have donated the sum of $10,000 to hospitals in Shanghai. The Municipal Council was asked to assist them in the distributing of the donation and has forwarded $4,000 to the General Hospital, $2,000 to the Shantung Road Hospital and $1,000 to St. Luke's Hospital. The remaining $3,000 was given to the Tien Oen Dong Church Council for the erection of new school premises in compliance with the request of the heirs.

SCANDINAVIA TO REJECT U.S. BOARD FOOD TERMS

Washington, December 2.—It is generally believed here that the Scandinavian nations will refuse the United States War Board's terms in connection with the control of food exports to these countries. It is felt by the diplomats that a curtailment of the food supplies to these countries will force war with them.

Deputies Suspend Caillaux' Immunity

Former Premier Must Stand Trial On Treason Charge, Commission Decides

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 18.—A special Commission of the Chamber agreed yesterday by nine votes, with two abstentions, to the suspension of the Parliamentary immunity of M. Caillaux.

Tuan Chi-kwei Made Minister of War

A mandate issued Tuesday in Peking relieves Premier Wang Shih-chen of his office as War Minister and appoints General Tuan Chi-kwei as his successor. Another mandate appoints General Liu Tsun-hou Tuchun of Szechuen and bestows the title of Pao Wei Chiangchun to Acting Tuchun Chow Tah-kan of Szechuen. The appointment of Tuan Chi-kwei is regarded by the war advocates as a victory over those who favor a compromise with the South.

Minor Actions Only On Western Front

Heavy Fall Of Snow Makes Fighting Impossible In France and Belgium

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 17, noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig wires that he has nothing to report.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening: Raiding parties attacked two posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines Canal. We repulsed one attack. In the other the enemy entered the post and captured a few men. We counter-attacked, recaptured the post and the men and killed or took prisoners a number of the enemy.

There has been mutual artillerying on the remainder of the front.

Heavy snow fell last night and continued today.

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Paris, December 17.—The official communique issued this evening reports: There has been reciprocal artillery activity south of St. Quentin and on the right bank of the Meuse.

England Establishes Consumers' Council

All Classes To Be Represented In Body To Safeguard Interests of People

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 17.—In the House of Commons today Mr. J. R. Clynes, representing the Food Controller, announced the establishment of a Consumers' Council at the Ministry of Food with representatives of all the working classes, including women. The Council will protect the interests of consumers with regard to prices and other food problems.

FRENCH WAR LOAN CLOSED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 17.—Yesterday saw the closing of the subscriptions to the third War Loan. The general impression is favorable.

TUAN NAMED TO HEAD EUROPEAN EXPEDITION

Former Premier Appointed To Direct China's Part In War, Say Reports

A mandate appointing former Premier Tuan Chi-jui the director of the Bureau of the European War Expedition has been promulgated, according to a Peking telegram. The appointment was unanimously passed at the Cabinet meeting Monday. Tuan had previously refused to accept the position when it was offered by President Feng.

The War Commission decided at a meeting Tuesday to submit to the Cabinet several proposals pertaining to China's participation in the great conflict. Among these, the government will be requested to appoint a delegation to co-operate with another appointed by the French government for the promotion of war schemes; to despatch one division of Chinese troops to Europe and to furnish grains, cattles and cotton for the consumption of France and Great Britain. It is understood the Cabinet will pass on these proposals at the next meeting.

The Russian Minister to Peking Monday called on Minister of Foreign Affairs Lu Cheng-hsiang and stated that the Chinese Eastern Railway will soon be acquired by the Maximalists if China does not take possession of it at once herself. The Foreign Minister replied that the Peking government considers it its duty to give the line the necessary protection. Consequently a telegram was despatched to the Tuchuns of Kirin and Heilungkiang to have their troops concentrated at the various railways stations and to be prepared for eventualities.

The Russian envoy also declared that since he has severed relations with the Petrograd government he does not consider himself amenable to its orders. The note dismissing him from office has been ignored and he still remains as the legal representative of his people. The Peking Diplomatic Corps has endorsed his declaration and recognises him as one of its members.

Premier Wang, upon being assured by President Feng that his peace plans will not be interfered with, will retain his Premiership but is determined to resign from the War Office. General Tuan Chi-kwei is the most probable successor.

In defiance of the landing of troops from Hainan on the mainland of Kwangtung by General Lung Chi-kwang, Tuchun Mo Yung-hsian of Kwangtung has published a denunciation of the island war-lord and announced his plans for an armed resistance to the invaders. Inspector-General Lu Yung-ting is rushing troops towards the scene of landing, but he has not yet definitely announced his attitude towards Lung.

The entire army of Fukien troops in Chaochowfu, Kwangtung, has evacuated the city and been withdrawn into its own territory. Tuchun Mo has appointed Commissioner Liu Chi-lu, the commander of the victorious Cantonese army, the Defense Commissioner of Chaochowfu and Meichowfu.

Admiral Chen Pi-kwang is reported to be willing to cancel his independence and has delegated his nephew to negotiate with President Feng directly. The nephew has already arrived at Tientsin.

Tuchun Wang Chuan-yuan of Hupeh reports that the Yantsze Valley will be transformed into a barren battlefield when the troops of Li Shun and Ni Shih-chung come to a clash. The government is requested to order the two Tuchuns to refrain from fighting.

An optimistic view of the present political situation is held by Tuchun Li Shun of Kiangsu. At a tea party given by him Sunday to the Nanking gentry and provincial legislators, General Li said that since the fall of the Tuan Cabinet, which the Southwest regarded as illegal, the only question that remains to be solved is the convoking of a Parliament. Premier Wang, being an ardent advocate of peace and a man well-versed in constitutional law, should settle this matter without difficulty. He said that he expects everything will be amicably settled within the next twenty days. Both he and the Civil Governor volunteered to be responsible for the peace and order of the province.

BOMB CANADIAN THEATER

Sherbrooke, Quebec, December 2.—The front of a theater in which Minister Doherty was speaking here was dynamited and wrecked last night. Twenty petched battles have taken place in the streets between the authorities and the mobs who are against the draft.

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News Brevities

Telegraphic communications with Russia and Siberia west of Tchita, except with Kiachta, is interrupted, according to announcement by the Great Northern Telegraph Co.

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The exhibition of local films and variety entertainment held recently for the benefit of the Portuguese Red Cross netted the sum of $3,000 which has been turned over to Consul-General Oliveira.

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Mr. Samshichi Ariyoshi, father of Mr. H. E. Akira Ariyoshi, Japanese Consul-General to Shanghai, died last Monday in Tokio at the age of 71. Mr. Ariyoshi, the son, left here for his father's bedside several weeks ago.

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A special dinner dance will be held in the new Astor House ball room on New Year's Eve. Reservations may be made at the hotel office. Admission is $3, including supper.

MUNICIPAL STAFF CHANGES

Police Force.—2nd Class Inspector G. Johnston is promoted to be 1st Class Inspector from December 15.

Health Department.—Probationer Nurse E. M. Howell is permitted to terminate her service on December 31, the date of expiry of her agreement.

Public Band.—F. Endaya and E. Orden are appointed Musicians from November 11.

Educational Department.—The appointment of Miss T. M. Pierce, as temporary Assistant Mistress in the Public School for Chinese, is confirmed from September 10.

Miss F. M. Reid, temporary Assistant Mistress in the Public School for Chinese, is transferred to be temporary Assistant Mistress in the Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese from January 1, 1918.

Voluntary War Service—Public Works Department.—Mr. A. C. B. Craddock, 2nd Assistant Engineer, and Mr. T. W. R. Wilson, Surveying Assistant, at present on long leave, have availed themselves of the provisions of the arrangement contained in the Gazette of October 15, 1914.

INDIAN CONSPIRACY CASE

San Francisco, December 7.—Dekker, testifying in the Indian conspiracy case here, said that he had been told to send a Mohammedan priest to Berlin and Constantinople with the idea of consulting the Moslems as to the advisability of starting a Holy War, in the British and French possession.

DR. FISCHER IS ASKED TO APPEAR IN COURT

Case Involving Fee of Tls. 500 Remanded Until He Is Heard

A further hearing of the case which has arisen in connection with the Tls. 500 fee received by Dr. J. O. Fischer and in which two Chinese are accused of obtaining $965 from a Cantonese named Dau took place yesterday morning before British Assessor Byrne and Magistrate Kwan. The police legal adviser, Mr. K. E. Newman, appeared and told how the police had come to be connected with the case.

Mr. Newman stated that he had suggested to Dau the best course to take in this action, but the latter had secured advice from the Cantonese Guild and filed suit against the two accused. He had personally seen Dr. Fischer, who admitted the receipt of the Tls. 500 in question and said that he was prepared to instruct the law firm of Rodger and Haskell to take up the work in his stead.

Dr. Mei, Mr. Newman added, had sent into the Registrar of the Mixed Court the receipt of Dr. Fischer for Tls. 500 and another for Tls. 100 paid to King Vung-piao, the interpreter, and at the same time sent in a letter which amounted to a protest against the receipts being used for any other purpose except the prosecution of the case.

Dr. Fischer told Mr. Newman that he was still negotiating to be allowed to practise before the court and had not yet given up his practice. It was impossible for him to refund the money, he said, as there were several others who might on the same ground claim their fee for service. Dr. Fischer was instructed to take the case on August 2 and was not suspended until August 22.

The Assessor said that he thought both Dr. Fischer and Dr. Mei should have been in court and he thought that Dr. Fischer should refund the fee. Mr. Newman in reply said that Dr. Fischer had intended to appear but, having expressed his position to him, he thought that it was not necessary for him to be present.

Mr. Haskell, representing the two accused, informed the court that the wife of one of the accused went to his firm on the day they were arrested and retained his firm. Dr. Fischer called on his firm Tuesday with a view to give the work of the complainant to his firm, but they were unable to take up the case until the accused were released. Counsel then moved for the dismissal of the accused, saying that the complainant had lived with the accused for 84 days and had paid nothing. The whole amount of money involved could be accounted for.

The Assessor ruled that he would not proceed with the case until Dr. Fischer and Dr. Mei are present. The case was remanded till Friday morning.

Electric Light Rates for 1918

The Municipal Electricity Department announces in the Municipal Gazette today the following scale of charges to go into effect January 1:

Lighting.—Consumers have the option of payment under either of two tariffs:—

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15 per cent for a consumption of over 3,000 units per month.
20 per cent for a consumption of over 4,000 units per month.
25 per cent for a consumption of over 5,000 units per month.
30 per cent for a consumption of over 6,000 units per month.

(b) Tls. 0.21 per unit for the first hour and a quarter's supply of maximum demand her diem during the month.
Tls. 0.085 per unit for all further supply.

Heating.—Tls. 0.04 per unit.
Cooking.—Tls. 0.04 per unit.
Charging Batteries for electrically-propelled vehicles, Tls. 0.05 per unit.

Power.—For working motors, except for lifts or hoists:—
Tls. 0.05 per unit when the units consumed are below 150 per h.p. per month.
Tls. 0.045 per unit when the units consumed are equal to or over 150 per h.p. per month.
Tls. 0.04 per unit when the units consumed are equal to or over 200 per h.p. per month.
Tls. 0.035 per unit when the units consumed are equal to or over 250 per h.p. per month.

Mail Notices

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Why Argentina Hesitates To Enter Great World War

Cross-Currents of Political Feeling Explained—An Impression That United States Should Have Taken South America Into Partnership from Beginning

New York, Nov. 11.—Why isn't Argentina in the war? Why hasn't she even broken diplomatic relations with Germany because of the Luxburg incident, which undoubtedly served to expedite the breaking of such relations by two smaller South American nations Uruguay and Peru, though they were not so directly concerned?

That is an embarrassing question for a North American to put to an Argentinian, because, if the answer is frank and complete, the citizen from the United States who asks his question in Buenos Aires learns that the attitude of the United States during the two years and a half following the outbreak of the war was not altogether pleasing to the republics of the Southern continent; that there was an aloofness about it, the memory of which causes the South American to wonder at any intimation at the present time from the American press, public, or Government that it is the duty of Argentina or Chile or any of the other republics to do thus and so.

Furthermore, the question is embarrassing to the Argentine statesman of the abler type because he really believes that Argentina should be in the war now. In other words, such a statesman, who represents a large body of the most-informed opinion of the country, is opposed to the delaying policy of the present President of Argentina, Hipolito Irigoyen. They do not doubt his patriotism or his desire to do the thing that will best serve Argentina in the long run. They do not even doubt his personal sympathy with the best cause, which he is holding in check for what he considers the best and most fundamental interests of his own country. But they seriously question the quality of his statesmanship in the present crisis, and declare that this radical President who was elected in June, 1916, for six years, as the outcome of a political upset in his party, is entirely wrong in his estimation of what is best and most fundamental for Argentina at the present moment.

Still they utterly sympathise with his determination not to put his country into the war merely because outsiders tell him that he ought to. There is unanimity of opinion on that point throughout the country. And that is where the recollection of the attitude of the United States, previous to last April, comes in. That date is important, because it was the time of the entrance of the United States into the war. A great portion of Argentina thinks that true Pan Americanism calls for concerted action and sympathy of all America, North and South, the moment that any State on either continent puts herself in danger by going to war for the safety of all of them.

But to go back to the days of the war previous to last April, these same South Americans, not merely Argentines, declare that the greatest opportunity to make real use of Pan Americanism was lost because of the refusal of the United States to join with the other republics of the hemisphere in considering the war problems as something they all should share and solve in common.

That opinion was voiced particularly by the Argentine newspaper La Nacion just after the severing of relations with Germany by the United States. Of course, says South America in effect, the United States should have been the leader in every phase of the situation, but she should have accepted the other countries as worthy of following in the same group, instead of ignoring them, so far as the war was concerned.

In 1916 there were scientific and educational and financial Pan American Congresses in Washington and elsewhere, and a lot of fine things were said by President Wilson and others about the Monroe Doctrine and Pan American treaties, but the delegates returned to their respective countries on the southern continent filled with disappointment because the public scientific gatherings had not been supplemented by a real getting together on devising a joint war policy, which would have swung the entire western hemisphere into the war as one nation when the United Staets said in co-operation with them, the proper words. But anything like joint action or even a tentative plan for joint action or its consideration was frowned upon by the United States; so there was the end of it, for the time being. Therefore, say the South Americans, the best opportunity that ever had offered itself for putting vitality into Pan Americanism and putting the solidarity of the two continents on a basis of mutual protection was allowed to slip by.

The loss was not entirely made good for Pan Americanism when the United States broke diplomatic relations with Germany last February and President Wilson issued a message to world that other nations would help to restore peace if they could find it possible to follow the example of the United States and also break with Germany. Since then various South American and Central American republics and Cuba have broken relations, and Brazil has formally declared war. But two leading Southern nations have not yet taken action, although the larger of the two and the leading neutral country left in the world, Argentina, has had what her American critics declare to be more than ample provocation.

Argentina and Chile would have liked it better had they known beforehand what action the United States was going to take so that they could have done the same thing, or at least could have had the opportunity to do the same thing at the same moment if the case and the examination of the political factors had called for it. But with the opportunity for prearranged joint action in the war gone by, Argentina and Chile demur to being told by their critics in the United States that they must do something regardless of what they think about it themselves.

"We have no cause for war yet," say the supporters of President Irigoyen in Argentina. "They Luxburg matter was a very trivial thing as compared with the sinking of the Lusitania, and Germany has given us more than ample diplomatic explanations for the Luxburg matter. We cannot go back of that, and we cannot manufacture an excuse that the honor of the country has been attacked by Germany.

"For two years and a half," they add, "the United States put up with much more than we have had to endure from the war, but the United States took her own time. Why is Argentina denounced for taking her own time new? President Irigoyen wents to keep his country out of the war because he thinks it would enormously add to our debt and throw us back commercially and economically a hundred years, and for many other good reasons from his own standpoint as a responsible and democratic ruler. He may be mistaken, but it is not for the people of other countries to decide whether he is mistaken. He declares that he cannot go to war because some other country is offended, that he cannot decide this matter because of sentiment or feeling. The United States did not enter the war or break off relations with Germany when Belgium was invaded.

"Another reason given by the northern critics who do not know or understand Argentina, as conclusive why we should take same hostile action now, is that Brazil and Bolivia and Peru and Cuba, Panama, and other countries of that sort have broken relations. That argument means nothing to us, except that it is another bit of evidence that the people of the United States have not yet learned the psychology and geography of South America. There is no more reason why Argentina should do a thing because Brazil or Panama does it than there is reason why the United States should copy Mexico.

"Argentina and Chile are in the southern temperate zone with the same climatic conditions that the United States has in the north temperate zone, and with the same mental, moral social, and industrial conditions that may be attributed to climate. The problems of Argentina are very much the same as the problems of the United States, with some exceptions. For example, we have no hyphen difficulties. Although no country is more cosmopolitan than Argentina, James Bryce has written that patriotism here amounts to a mania. So it does. Clemenceau, the Frenchman, expressed his amazement in Buenos Aires because the school children born in Argentina of French or Italian or English parents, with whom he talked, resented the idea of their being anything but Argentinian. With such a population, which along with its patriotism has a lively appreciation of what all the nations of Europe have contributed to our civilisation, Argentina may be depended upon to do the right thing. It would have bowed to the greater power and influence and leadership of the United States—for which it entertains the greatest admiration and friendship—in guiding the policy of a great American group of nations to which all belonged and contributed, but it will not be told as an outsider what to do."

That sums up the attitude of the Irigoyen administration. And there is a lot in it that commands sympathy and respect—at least, did command sympathy and respect from the opposition before the United States entered the war. But now the opposition would put aside past considerations and go into the war at once, not because the United States wants them to, but because they fell that the best interests of Argentina demand it. No matter what has happened or has been prevented from happening in the way of joint action, the war party of the country holds that the independence of the United States is a condition of the independence of every American State; that there must be absolute solidarity in war, even if that were not possible in the days before the war; that the United States is in danger because of the mere fact that she is at war, and that the rest of the hemisphere must share the danger in order the more quickly to avert it and insure the safety of the Americas in the future. It is as if these Argentines said to the United States: "You would not take counsel with us when we hoped for that, but we will fight with you because if you lose in this war it will be the end of you and all of us as independent nations."

This war party of Argentina is not particularly interested in the question of breaking relation or the fine points of the Luxburg case. They look upon anything of that sort as a mere half-way measure. They want to declare war and put everything the country has into the winning of the war. It is well enough, they say, for other countries of South America to break relations and thus show their sympathies because they have not the economic capacity or the resources to contribute anything more tangible to the war. But Argentina cannot let herself out of it as easily as that. She has 400,000 trained men of whom to make an army, and she has something of a navy. But more than her military assets in the way of troops and ships would be her economic contribution to the joint cause of the Allies.

Argentina is at present the greatest exporter of foodstuffs in the world, and the policy of economic pressure in which the Allied Governments are now engaged cannot be completely enforced under a policy of neutrality, but only under a frank state of war on the part of Argentina. The Argentines hate the half-way positions in international relations.

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All in it! "K (1)" Carries On. By Ian Hay. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company. $1.50 (gold).

After two days of rest to recover from their valiant experiences in France, the men whom we came to know in Captain Beith's earlier book, "The First Hundred Thousand," were sent into active service in Belgium. They had expected at least a month of rest. But their reward for doing hard work well was to be sent at once to do more! And instead of rest billets they found themselves in—of all places—the Ypres salient. And along with the personal sketches, the anecdotes of danger, and valor, and fun, the author (he is Major Beith now) begins in the very first pagse to give us interesting information, for us and our soldiers, about the trenches, rest billets, mining, feint attacks, &c. There are many valuable facts. He tells us in the first place how different from the French trenches, with their long, straight lines, are those of Flanders, where the land is undulating, and where the trench line follows the curve of each little hill.

The Ypres salient, indeed, is made up of many small salients, of many ridges and sudden little droppings of ground; the machine gunners on both sides are kept busy. And the author goes on:

"As for the trenchse themselves—well, as the immortal costermonger observed, there ain't no word in the blooming language for them.

"In the first place, there is no settled trench line at all. The salient has been a battlefield for twelve months past. No one has ever had the time, or opportunity, to construct anything in the way of permanent defenses. A shallow trench, trimmed with an untidy parapet of sandbags, and there is your stronghold. For rest and meditation, a hole in the ground, half full of water and roofed with a sheet of galvanised iron; or possibly a glorified rabbit burrow in a canal bank. These things, as a modern poet has observed are all right in the Summertime. But Winter here is a disintegrating season. . . . In addition to the Boche, we wage continuous warfare with the elements."

Neither weather nor the enemy, however, could damp the gay spirits of the men of whom Ian Hay writes; and his own narrative is full of the brightest humor, not untouched with an equally bright cynicism. He tells us, for instance, that guides are of two classes— those who do not know the way, and say so at the outset; and those who do not know the way, but leave you to discover the fact. And he adds, flatly and with emphasis: "There are no other kinds of guides." He relates as a bit of fate's irony the tale of a group of officers who were quartered in a deserted Belgian chateau and assured by the outgoing group that the place was quiet and safe. "The outgoing brigade," remarks the author in parenthesis at this point, "is always excessively cheery." As a matter of fact, the building was all but shelled to pieces over their heads, and when, escaping destruction by the sheerest luck, the young officers at last succeeded in having their perilous dwelling made shellproof, the brigade was ordered to move in three days! And he has the following engaging paragraph on camouflage:

"Of late the scene painter's art—technically known as camouflage—has raised the concealment of batteries and their observation posts to the realm of the uncanny. According to Major Wagstaffe, you can now disguise anybody as anything. For instance, you can make up a battery of six-inch guns to look like a flock of sheep, and herd them into action browsing. Or you can despatch a scouting party across No Man's Land dressed up as pill-boxes, so that the deluded Hun, instead of opening fire with a machine gun, will merely post letters, containing military secrets. Lastly, and more important still, you can disguise yourself to look like nothing at all, and in these days of intensified artillery fire it is very seldom that nothing at all is hit."

And here is Ian Hay's opinion of war's little word-deceptions:

"The one thing you must not do in war time is to call a thing by its real name. To take a hackneyed example, you do not call a spade a spade; you refer to it, officially, as "Shovels, General Service, One." This helps to deceive, and ultimately to surprise, the enemy; and as we all know by this time, surprise is the essence of successful warfare. On the same principle, if your troops are forced back from their front line trenches, you call this successfully straightening out an awkward salient."

These things are jolly reading in a book by a man who has lived through so much of war. And yet it would be a grave mistake to assume that because he writes brightly, and often humorously, Major Beith's is a "light" book. It is far from that. As every one knows, the soldier has a quick humor in the midst of grim and terrible things, and his jokes are the accompaniment to his heroism. In "All In It!" the heroism is present always. The terrible things are not glossed over. And there are bits of stirring drama in the book—as the stories of the young officer who sought underground until he found and destroyed the enemy's mine gallery, and of the Scottish college student, who was killed in the seizing, single handed, of an important German gun.

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BEING A GRANDMOTHER

Random Reflection of a Grandmother. By Mrs. R. Clipston Sturgis. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company. $1 (gold).

Being a grandmother, let it be understood at once, is a calling, a busy occupation. Mrs. Sturgis was rather puzzled, she tells, as to her "occupation" when she had to fill in a census blank, or something sort, not long ago; being a wife is a vocation, not an occupation; the servants did most of the housekeeping; war relief kept her very busy, but that is mercifully not a life work. She was at a loss as to what to set down in that insistent blank space, when the telephone bell rang:

"Oh Grannie, is that you? Good-morning. May I go up to spend a few days with you 'cause mother wants you to take me to the dentist and she said p'raps you'd like to have baby too 'cause Billy, Jr., has a cold and she doesn't want him to get it only you'd have to take care of him 'cause she can't spare Nannie and would you please make him another jacket and she'd like you to get him a pair of couduroy trousers."

My brain reels in a dizzy whirl of pronouns, but my doubts are at an end, and my question is answered: "Occupation?" Grandmother.

Does any one doubt the seriousness of it as a calling, let her try it. It begins in the beginning, and will end, I suppose, when the breath is out of one's body, and one is tucked away safely in a little copper urn; when whatever there may be left of this world's goods is inherited by one's offspring with a little sigh of relief that at last they have a bit of money which they can spend as they like, not dribbled out to them in the shape of occasioned presents "with a string tied to them." It begins when the first baby is expected, and you think you are all in all necessary to the occasion only to find that you are neither wanted nor expected; and then receive a hurry call at the last minute to say that after all you had better come.

It's funny—just plain funny—to see your own baby with a baby of her own. Your thoughts are busy—not with plans and dreams and visions for the future of the grand-baby, as they were for that of your own, but with wonder and speculation as to how your child will meet the problems that lie before her in the bringing up of her children. You won't approve of the way she does it, you know.

This is the introduction to a most unusual book, a book of whimsical humor, of gay comment, and bright and lovable criticism, a little book full of chuckles and commonsense, a charming book of "reflections" that leaves the reader with a delightful picture of the author and of her very likeable family. Mrs. Sturgis regrets, in the first place, that she cannot be an old-fashioned grandmother; she hasn't a grey hair in her head; there is so much to do that it is quite impossible for her to sit placidly by the fire and knit (although, as a matter of fact, she is doing a deal of knitting these days, along with a thousand and one other things;) but she has an inward conviction, after all, that that is not the sort of grandmother her family would prefer. And from the glimpses of those grandchildren the reader quite agrees with her. They are an uproarious lot! Here is a picture of a drive in the country (Mrs. Sturgis confesses that she hates the country):

"I returned to my Summer residence one day last year after several weeks' absence, to be met half a mile or so from the house by two babies, two collie dogs, two go-carts, one nurse, one daughter, and a husband. With heart-warming shouts of welcome, these all piled into the car. I'm not quite clear about the horse, but to the best of my remembrance he was included, and we rolled merrily on. By the time we reached our destination, my husband had sat on my best hat, one of the collies had tried to eat up my back hair, and the chauffeur was having nervous prostration because the baby kept getting mixed up with the steering-wheel. We found a casual sort of afternoon tea scattered over the piazza, with few unattached nephews and nieces enjoying it, to which were shortly added a few guests who dropped in for a quiet chat. The evening was somewhat hectic, owing to my daughter going off alone in the canoe to visit the gypsies, and being gone so long that one nephew went off to find her, followed by my husband to find him. By a sorely mistaken error in judgment my daughter had allowed one of the grand-children to sleep in the same room with her father. Now my husband adores children and they adore him, but he isn't exactly what one would call a disciplinarian, and on that particular night that grandchild elected to talk cheerily to Grandpa from 11.30 p.m. to 3.10 a.m., when I went in and made remarks."

For all her gay phrasing, her grandmotherly camaraderie, her energy, this grand-mother is frankly true to her own generation, and all the more delightful thereby. She does not approve of the way children are brought up nowadays, and she finds much to criticise in the "utter lack of heart and tenderness of the present-day young mothers" in, for instance, letting the baby cry. She calls herself an Early Victorian—though we personally think Late Bostonian would be a better name. She abominates steam radiators and certain other modernities. But, she adds:

"Just between me and myself, (only I shan't tell the children so,) I fancy it to be within the bounds of possibility that we Grannies are not as invariably in the right as we firmly believe ourselves to be."

It will be seen that the author has a sense of humor! From beginning to end, in praise and blame, grave moods and gay, the book of this modern Beacon Street grandmother is charming.

THE UNHOLY THREE

The Unholy Three. By C. A. Robbins. New York: John Lane Company. $1.40. (gold)

The unholy three are the partially sane and violently animal adherents of a circus: one a dwarf, another a giant, and the third a ventriloquist, who lives in the belief that his mannikin has stolen his brain. He is the least vicious of them and becomes, in their subsequent adventures, the tool of the dwarf's evil mind and the giant's powerful body. Handicapped by their physical peculiarities, these latter two join a pact against a world which scorns and flouts them, and the story circles about the strange and horrid way in which they avenge themselves, aided by their old companion. Incidentally, the people whom they choose for their victims include a pair of lovers, whose ultimate triumph is the tole and final happy episode in the book. The remainder is a story of horrible intrigue. But, unlike most of such novels, this one is not a detective story. The reader is almost immediately let into the secret, so that its discovery in the end awakens no thrill of surprise. It will appeal, therefore, not to those primarily interested in mystery, but to those who find enjoyment in tales of blood-freezing, if incredible, vindictiveness.

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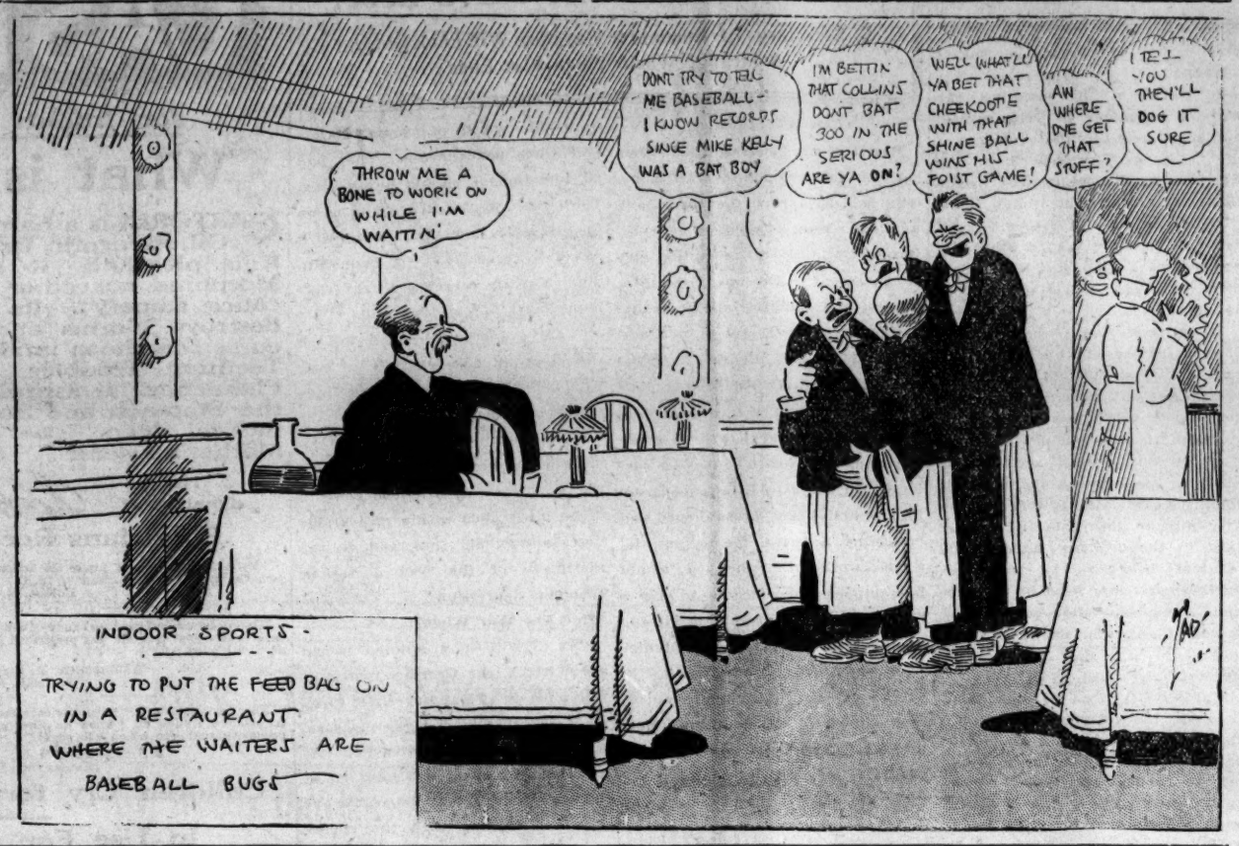
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Washington, December 2.—The United States government has announced that supplies intended for Russia can be recalled by the firms making shipments.

Basketball

Red Sox Beat Rowing Club

The Red Sox basketball team defeated the Shanghai Rowing Club in the Rowing Club gymnasium yesterday by the close score of 24 to 22. The game was closely played throughout, the score at the end of the first period being 13 to 12. The line-ups were:

Rowing Club—Kline, Scott, forwards; Rodger, center; Spiker, Stites, guards.

Red Sox—Nicholls, Mead, forwards; Tinkham, center; Woods, Gardner, guards.

ADMIRAL SUSUKI IS GUEST

Admiral Susuki, commander of the Japanese cruisers Iwate and Asama, and his staff, Consul-General Ariyoshi and Vice-Consul Harada were the guests of honor at a luncheon tendered by Commissioner of Foreign Affairs F. M. Sah in his yamen yesterday. Gen. Lu Yung-hsian, the local Defense Commissioner; Taoyin Wang Kung-ting and the President and Vice-President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were also present.

More than forty naval cadets from the flagship Iwate made an inspection tour round the Shanghai city, the Nantao Procurate and the Civil Court and the yamen of the Mayor yesterday afternoon. The warships leave for Tsingtao today.

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Germany's Plan For A Quick Peace

THAT Germany is preparing to take advantage of the Russian defection to force a quick general peace this Winter seems fairly evident. And that her plan for securing this peace contemplates making Russia pay the price of it also is fairly evident. THE JAPAN ADVERTISER of December 12 published the following:

"According to a despatch from Washington which reached here yesterday, a London despatch to The New York Sun says that Germany is now concentrating her forces on the western and Italian fronts with the aim of making the last and the greatest attack before the new year, and if the result favors her, she will immediately send another peace proposal to the Allies.

"The despatch further points out that some changes in German diplomacy are witnessed, according to the speeches which the German Foreign Minister has recently given out. She wants to satisfy Great Britain and France in connection with Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine, on one hand, and satisfy herself with the supremacy in Eastern Europe on the other. *Besides, Germany's program seems to put all burdens upon Russia, on the ground that she has betrayed the Allies.*"

On December 11, according to Reuter's, Mr. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, speaking in the House of Commons, stated that last September the Government received a communication from Germany sent through a neutral diplomatic channel saying that Germany would be glad to make a communication to the British Government regarding peace.

"The Government replied that they were prepared to receive any communication Germany desired to make and discuss it with the Allies. The Government informed France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States of the German suggestion and their reply. No answer has been returned and no other official communication received."

These two messages read together and in connection with recent developments on the various war fronts, seem to point rather conclusively to the German belief that if the Central Powers can succeed in forcing peace upon Russia, the rest of the Allies will entertain such bitter thoughts towards that country as to fall ready victims into the German trap, i.e., to join Germany in making Russia the scapegoat.

Having ascertained that the Allies in September were as they had been at all earlier stages of the war, ready to consider any communications from Germany that would hasten the end of the war, the Central Powers without replying redoubled their efforts in Russia to upset the Kerensky Government, which was loyal to the Allies, and at the same time delivered hard blows in the Baltic and in Italy, with the object of making their peace communication more effective when it should be delivered.

If this statement of the German plan is accurate, the stage is now set for the German peace proposal. Russia has been eliminated and Italy, after sustaining a sharp reversal, has for the last month defeated every effort of the Central Powers to break through into the Venetian Plains and establish themselves for a Spring campaign. And in this connection, military experts believe that unless the Central Powers do break though into the plains they will be forced to retreat, being unable to maintain themselves where they are during the Winter on account of the inaccessibility of supplies once the rigorous Alpine winter descends. Also, Winter apparently has rendered any large military operation on the Western front impossible for at least three months. Thus, the stage, as we have said, is set for peace talk by Germany. And she is the more urged to this course by intolerable hardships at home.

As to what these peace proposals will be no one outside the German inner circle is in a position to say. That they will appear to be liberal, and even magnanimous, we take for granted, because it is certain that Germany really wants peace. That they will be further calculated to cause dissensions among the Allies and to encourage pacifist movements in Allied countries also is probable.

Yet, with all these advantages, we do not believe it to be possible for Germany to offer terms that will be acceptable to Britain, France, Italy, the United States and the fifteen or sixteen other nations now aligned with them against her. The German military clique, now at the zenith of its power, will make no proposal to the Allies that contemplates a relinquishment of that power, and until that power shall be broken, either by the combined forces of the Allies or by the German people themselves, it will be both hopeless and foolish to look for peace.

'Special Interests' Under The Ishii-Lansing Agreement?

In the December issue of the Chuokoron, Dr. Yoshino presents a long analysis of the Ishii-Lansing Agreement.

The most important points of the agreement, according to his view, are two. The one point is that this document is the attempt to set forth the fundamental international principles that shall be observed by all the powers of the world towards China. The principles in question, are, of course, the territorial integrity of China and equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China. "Both have" to quote him, "been repeatedly enunciated in various other instruments, but the public announcement of the firm determination of the two governments to defend them against the infringement of them by any third power has been made for the first time in this document." The other point is the recognition of Japan's "special interests in China and particularly in the part to which her possessions are contiguous."

"That Japan has special interests in China," says Dr. Yoshino, "has long been recognised both by England and Russia, but America not only has never before announced her recognition of this fact but has always been behaving herself in a way unfavorable towards Japan in this respect. The American spirit has so far been to insist on the observation of the principles of teritorial integrity and equal opportunity by all the countries equally and without exception."

The recognition of Japan's special interests in China, is therefore, according to Dr. Yoshino, a decidedly new step in her international policy towards China. But precisely what is meant by the special interests? This is the point most essential, and yet left by the document to the guess of the public.

"That the two governments should leave this point in the vague way that appears in the document is," he says, "unthinkable. I believe, therefore, that there must be secret agreements in some form or other between the two countries concerning the precise nature of the special interests, and also the precise extent to which they apply. If I may be allowed to venture my own guess, I should say that the extent to which the special interests apply in general is limited to China proper, or the territory under the administration of the Peking Government, and the nature of the interests is probably the right of preference in political matters. In other words, they are probably to the effect that America should not take any initiative in the political affairs of China without first consulting Japan." The writer's guess is based on the precedents of a similar nature already pledged to Japan by England and France. "At any rate, the special interests in question," he says, "cannot be of economic nature, for that will at once come into conflict with the principle of equal opportunity in commerce and industry."

Fukien Not Included

Next, what is meant by "particularly in the part to which her possessions are contiguous?" According to the writer, the part in question is Manchuria, Fukien, though just opposite Formosa, is probably not included, since the two can not be said to be contiguous to each other. The Shantung province can not also be included so long as the question of Tsingtao remains unsettled, but it will come within the part of the agreement if Japan's title to Tsingtao is recognised after the war. Manchuria is, then, the only territory that can be legitimately interpreted to fall within the meaning of the words. What, then, does the word "particularly" mean in regard to the nature of the special interests?

In search of this meaning, the writer's argument is very careful and is supported by the evidences of the note of November 9, of the American Ambassador given to the Chinese Government and also various speeches of Viscount Ishii delivered in America, and other circumstances surrounding the agreement. The gist of his argument is as follows:

In the first place, whatever may be the nature of the special interests, they should not be the kind that will come in conflict with the sovereignty of China and the treaty rights of the other Powers. Secondly, they must be of such special kinds as Japan alone and no other countries can claim. In other words, they must be the rights that can not exist in the ordinary international relations between two countries. Furthermore, they must be the ones that Japan has and can exercise against China and not vice versa, that is to say, they are not reciprocal.

Thirdly, they must be interpreted to cover the interests more than those lready secured by the treaty rights. If the phrase were meant only to confirm the special treaty rights Japan already has, it would be superfluous and therefore meaningless. The two countries can not be supposed to have entered into such a meaningless covenant.

Fourthly, they can not be special interests of economic nature, for if they were the agreement would be vitiated by self-contradiction. It is a fact that Japan has special economic interests in Manchuria, but the existence of that fact and the recognition of it are different things. In the strict and legitimate interpretation of a document, the one does imply the other. In the note of November 9, given by the American Ambassador to the Chinese government, there is a sentence to the effect that owing to the close geographical relations of the two countries the Japanese business interests in China have clearly certain special advantages that are possessed by the similar interests of no other countries. But this statement of the fact can not be taken as recognition of the right to make special claims on the basis of that fact. Indeed, various circumstances relating to the agreement point to the fact that it was made possible by America's trust in the good faith of Japan not to utilise the special interests recognised in the document to the advancement of her economic interests in China at the expense of the same interests of other countries.

Political Interests Intended

"It is a noteworthy fact," says the writer, "that not only the American and the Japanese Governments but also the British Government keep a discreet silence as to the nature of the special interests in question. It is not because they can not explain it, but probably because they think that the avoidance of explanation is the best way to guard against misunderstanding. However that may be, in my opinion, the special interests contemplated by the two governments are most likely of political nature. To my thinking, there is no question about this. But what sort of political interests are they? I am sure that they are not of positive nature, but merely of negative kind. In other words, America does not mean to recognise Japan's right to interfere with the political affairs of China with any aggressive or wilful intention, but simply means to recognise that Japan has the right in preference to all other countries to guard against such political situations in China as are likely to threaten her own interest and the peace of the Orient."

Not His Fault

An Englishman and his valet had been traveling due west from Boston for five days. The traveler found his servant gazing thoughtfully out of the window. He said to him: "William, what are you thinking of " "I was just thinking, sir about the discovery of Hamerica," replied the valet. "Columbus didn't do such a wonderful thing, hafter hall, when he found the country, did 'e now, sir? Hafter hall's said and done, 'ow could 'e 'elp it?"

When Germany Resumes Trade What Will She Have Lost?

U. S. Secretary Of Commerce Says She Will Look Out Upon A Strange World When War Ends

(From The Annalist)

Bereft of the "good-will" of other nations, and competing with countries which, during the war, have kept on being "going concerns," Germany's task of resuming her commerce after the war is to be a difficult and doubtful one, according to the American Secretary of Commerce, William C. Redfield. At the same time that Mr. Redfield predicted a dire commercial future for Germany, and declared that the German Government at heart knew how seriously her world trade was menaced, he prophesied that an awakened and broadened America, facing, unfraid, a new world after the war, would be equipped and educated to play a huge part in the international trade of the future. Basing his predictions upon wide information as to conditions, Mr. Redfield attempted, at a dinner of the Southern Commercial Congress in honor of the diplomats of America's allies, recently, to make a mature survey of Germany's prospects and of those of America, so far as known facts may justify tentative conclusinos. He said:

"When peace shall come and her merchants take up the task of restoring Germany's ruined commerce, they will find that it is a strange world which they seek to re-enter. There will be difficulties in the path of future 'peaceful penetration' of which they seem not to dream. Commercial frightfulness, like its military namesake, will have passed away. It will hardly be said again to any Secretary of Commerce of the United States that the German Dyestuff Verein will not 'permit' the establishment of an American dyestuff industry, as was said to me, The monopolies on which German foreign commerce in large part seemed to rest secure have passed away. Our friends beyond the sea and we ourselves have learned the danger of having our industries wholly dependent on foreign sources of supply which may become unfriendly. It is pitiful to read extracts from the German press which seem to show that they expect to take up the task of rebuilding their commerce where they laid it down. They reckon the world's demand for potash as a purely German asset. It was so, but it is so no longer. They were the world's source for dyestuffs. That opportunity has gone. It was they to whom the world looked for optical glass. We do not look there now. They were the source of supply of chemical procelain. We make it today as well as they do. They had supplied science to industry more than any other people and had built up industrial power by means others neglected. We have learned that lesson, also, and in countries represented here tonight science speaks to and through industry with an authority and success which we did not know, which we have been glad to learn, and which we shall not set aside."

Germany's Trade Secrets

Analysing the secret of Germany's trade success in the past, the Secretary said it had been founded largely on her skill at keeping herself at the same time competitor and source of supply. He pointed out how other nations now were aware of her methods and had become too wise ever again to remain dependent upon her for anything their own sciences and industries could learn to produce. He went on:

"I need not tell you of the commercial value of what we call 'goodwill,' or point the advantage of doing business as a 'going concern.' The great markets of the world have been and are to be found among the nations who have parted company with Germany in the present struggle. Her past markets have been found among them. The peoples of these lands are not likely by one common impulse to turn quickly to Germany for a renewal of the commercial intercourse which was broken by her act. The threads of that intercourse have been cut. It is idle to speak, as some do, as if all that were necessary were to pick up those threads again and commence to weave anew the commercial fabric. It will not be easily done. The conditions are not the same. The business sundered by the war is not 'a going concern.' It must be renewed under circumstances of peculiar hardship.

"Controlling minds in Germany know perfectly well what separation from the world of commerce for over three years means. They had no intention it should be so long. They would hardly have ventured on the struggle had they dreamed it would be three years. A memorandum officially attached to the German Naval bill of 1900 said:

"'An unsuccessful naval war of the duration of even only a year would destroy Germany's sea trade and would thereby bring about the most disastrous condition. The destruction of our sea trade during the war could not, even at the close of it, be made good within measurable time, and would thus add to the sacrifices of the war a serious economic depression.'

After The War What?

"As it will be a strange world upon which the German merchant will look out when war shall close, so it will be, in a large measure, a strange world upon which the American merchant will look out at the same time. When embargoes are over and trading with the enemy acts shall have ceased to trouble, we also shall see things differently. The novelty will not on our part arise from separation, but the reverse. We have gained, and are gaining, a better understanding of the world we live in. Scales of provincialism have fallen from our eyes. When our sons have fought and died together with those of Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, and our other honored friends, things cannot be as they were before that happened. Each knows the other better than he did. Old lines of separation have gone. Our vision is enlarged. Things that were strange have become familiar. Applied to commerce this means that we understand other peoples and their needs better, and know better what we may do to suppply them. We have come into a family relationship, very near, very helpful to all in the family. It must alter the world of commerce as it is altering the world's geography."

The Secretary told how the country was learning thrift, how it had learned to use resources long neglected, how banker and inventor and manufacturer all were finding new tools and the uses for them, and went on to predict peaceful, mutual commercial intercourse among the Allies after the war, asserting that America would welcome and would aid the efforts of her fellow-fighters to rehabilitate themselves commercially in a world far freer than ever before.

"Conditions are in a state of flux," he said, "and it seems clear that no one can be sure any novel commercial action will be desirable or necessary to meet conditions after the war. The apparently obvious today will be the impossible tomorrow. Clearly, however, some simple things are possible.

Americans Wasteful

"We Americans have been a wasteful people. We begin to learn something of the need and the way of stopping waste. We must learn it more, for to the extent we waste—be it food or effort or money—we shall be the less able to do our part in the coming days. To talk 'business as usual' where nothing else is usual, is hardly wise. There will not lack enough for all to do of necessary work while the war lasts. To do that which is unnecessary, to spend for that which is not required, is simply to diminish the power of the nation to do its necessary part. Waste and weakness go hand in hand—twin sisters of poverty—and it is both waste and weakness now to spend or to do the unnecessary when the time calls upon all for effort and service in necessary work. We are in the midst of raising a great loan, and it calls for our savings. Other loans may come along and we must save for them also. Our shoulder is to the plow and there can be no turning back till the furrow is plowed to the very end. Yet herein lies the nation's hope in that it shall be strong through the self-sacrifices of its people—to do its work well today and be prepared for the work which shall come tomorrow. In this we may well admire and follow the wonderful thrift of our friends the French, and the splendid support of the people of Great Britain given to their Government, and the devotion that every nation associated with us in the war has shown to the common cause."

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The Cheerful Wounded -:- By Woods Hutchinson, M. D.

It was considered a rather quiet section of the front at that time—though it has wakened up with vengeance since—but there was a steady trickle of wounded men into the hospital, ranging from fifty to one hundred a day. Three motor ambulances had just rolled up with their load, so that when we entered the third salle de triage we found eight or ten silent figures resting on their stretchers, waiting to be carried into the cleaning-up room for operation.

I say "silent" advisedly, for one of the most unexpected things in this war of surprises is the almost utter absence of any sounds of pain or outcry of any description from the wounded. I have been wounded men literally in tens of thousands from within a few minutes of the time they were hit, through the various stages of dressings and operations, clear back to the base hospital, and almost the only sound that I have heard out of their lips was that of cheerful and often joking conversation with their stretcher-bearers, their doctors or their fellow-blesses.

Walk through the wards of a military hospital, whether front line ambulance, "Ashooway," or base, and you hear no more cries of pain than you would, say, in the surgical ward of an ordinary city hospital. Of course, there are exceptions, but they are scarcely one in thirty.

Men with a badly shattered fracture, particularly of the thigh; men with severe shell wounds of the abdomen, have a pretty uncomfortable time of it for the first few days and can't help groaning of even crying out in the night at times. Sometimes, too, a man who has been badly hit, or lost a good deal of blood or stunned, so that his nerves are severely shaken, will whimper to himself, half under his breath, in a curious sort of way, like a lost child waking suddenly in the night and unable to make out where he is or what has happened to him. But this usually soon passes off when they have been made warm and comfortable, given hot soup and stimulants so that their jangled nerves are brought back into tune again.

Part of this cheerful quietness is due to cheer pluck and a brave determination to put the best face on the matter and encourage others. But part of it is due to purely physical factors. One of these factors is that, most mercifully—the one redeeming feature about the terrible shell wounds of this war—they are not nearly so painful as wounds from the old-fashioned, slower-moving projectiles. They strike with such lightening-like speed and tremendous force that they seem to crush and shatter and stun the nerves in their path into numbness, which sometimes lasts for several days.

Indeed, this is no mere figure of speech, for one of the most serious difficulties in restoring movement and strength to badly broken or shattered limbs, after the wounds are healed is the distressing frequency with which important nerves, or nerve trunks of considerable size, have been cut or torn across, leaving the muscles below them paralysed.

The other factor is that the greatest pain and most prolonged agony of wounds is due to inflammation, with suppuration and abscess formation, and these for the most part, in spite of the soil infections carried in on fragments of shell, modern surgery has been able to prevent. Or at least, by its methods of continuous flushing and cleansing and keeping open of the wounds, it has avoided any blocking up, with consequent rise of pressure, heat and throbbing pain.

Many of the men, in fact, express surprise that they should be laid up so completely by wounds which seem to hurt them so comparately little, except when dressed or moved about in some way. Often when quite badly wounded they will declare that they did not know they were hit until one of their legs suddenly gave way under them, or their rifle dropped out of their hand and for several seconds were quite dazed and puzzled to know what had happened to them.

Surgeons, on the other hands, assured me that if they could secure a steady and abundant supply of laughing-gas, nitrous-oxide, such as is used in dental operations, they would be able to perform a great many operations under that alone, because the tissues about the wound are so numbed that if the patient's brain, so to speak, can be numbed and put to sleep the operation would be practically over before he regains consciousness. But as both laughing gas and the oxygen which has to be given with it can be carried only in large, heavy iron tanks or containers, which are very inconvenient to transport, this method is not generally practicable in the front-line operating rooms.

From the Salle of the Grands Blesses, the wounded man is carried into the cleaning-up room, which does not sound very romantic, but is one of the most indispensable portals of the military temple of healing. Here his soiled and blood-soaked clothes are removed, the mud of the trenches is scraped and scrubbed and sluiced off him with warm water and alcohol; he is thoroughly insect powdered and put into clean bed garments; then the skilled bearers of the operating squad lift him up gently and carry him into the etherisation room where, after a few pungent, aromatic whiffs, he knows no more until he wakes to see himself in a clean, soft, comfortable bed, hot-water bottles round him, with a vision in white ready to meet his every want, and a thirty-to-one chance of rapid recovery.

Whichever ward of the "H. O. E." he awakes in it will be much the same—long light, clean, cosy, with a row of beds down each side and tables usually decorated with flowers down the center. The only difference between the wards is that usually each one has its distinctive tint of bright-colored counterpanes, or white counterpanes with a bright-colored blanket folded across the fort of each.

As you center the door of the baragne ward you notice, especially upon your first dozen or so visits, one striking characteristic of all these war hospitals, and that is the astonishingly healthy, rosy, bright-eyed, vigorous look of the patients. They were literally in the pink of condition when they were hit; a few hours or at most, a couple of good nights' rest is abundant for their vigorous constitutions to make good whatever amount of blood they may have lost.

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My surgeon friends, tell me that they will bring their novels with them into the dressing-room, lay them face downward on the nearest table while their wounds are being dressed, and pick them up and plunge into them again the moment that the last bandage is in place and they are lifted to be carried back to the ward.

So quickly, in fact, does one come to expect this air of health and cheerfulness, as a matter of course, that one is positively struck by the exceptions. In one of the wards of this very hospital I was walking down the center with the surgeon and head nurse when my eye was suddenly caught by a sallow, languid, wearied-looking face against a white pillow. So astonished was I that I instinctively and unconsciously stopped and the question leaped involuntarily to my lips:

"Why, what's the matter with that man? He must be sick!"

"Oh," said the surgeon, "he's just back from Salonica, and the wound has waked up his malaria again."

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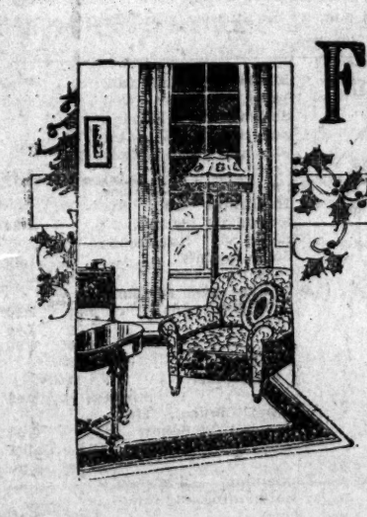

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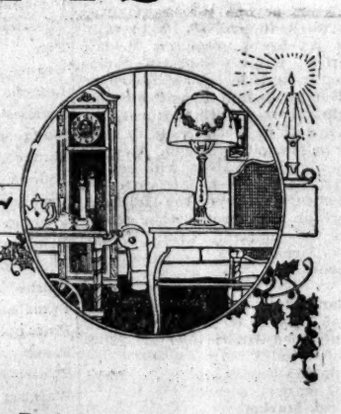

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BENJAMIN AND. POTTS SHARE LIST

Yesterday's Prices

STOCK	Quotations Closing
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$600 S.
Chartered	£64 10s.
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250
Marine Insurances	
Canton	Tls. 300 Sa.
North China	Tls. 115
Union of Canton	Tls. 760
Yangtsze	$205
Far Eastern Ins. Co. Ltd.	Tls. 11
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$125 B.
Hongkong Fire	Tls. 310
Shipping	
Indo-China Pref ..	Tls. 100
Indo-China Def ...	
"Shell"	112s. B.
Shanghai Tug (o) ..	Tls. 22
Shanghai Tug (f) ..	Tls. 40
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9 B.
Oriental Cons	27s. 6d.
Philippine	Tls. 0.80
Raub	Tls. 2½
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	Tls. 121 B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 72½
New Eng. Works	Tls. 12¾ B.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 66 B.
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 91½ B.
Lands and Hotels	
Anglo French Land	Tls. 76
China Land	Tls. 50
Shanghai Land	Tls. 70 S.
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 3
Shanghai Hotels Ltd	$9 B.
China Realty (ord) ..	Tls. 50
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 50
Cottons Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 180
E-wo Pref	Tls. 97½
International	Tls. 85
International (pref.)	Tls. 62½
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 63 B.
Oriental	Tls. 40
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 121
Kung Yik	Tls. 15.80
Yangtszepoo	Tls. 6.70 B.
Yangtszepoo Pref ...	Tls. 90
Industrials	
Bulter Tile	Tls. 23
China Sugar	Tls. 90 B.
Green Island	Tls. 7½ S.
Langkats	Tls. 14 B.
Major Bros	Tls. 5
Shanghai Sumatra ..	Tls. 72½
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	Tls. 14 B.
Llewellyn	$30
Lane, Crawford	$100
Moutrie	$35
Watson	Tls. 6.60 S.
Weeks	Tls. 13½ S.
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 9¾
Amberst	Tls. 1
Anglo-Java	Tls. 9.55
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 4
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 28
Batu Anam 1913 ...	Tls. 1.05
Bukit Toh Alang ...	Tls. 3.40
Bute	Tls. 1.15
Chemor United	Tls. 1 B.
Chempedak	Tls. 10½
Cheng	Tls. 2 B.
Consolidated	Tls. 2¼ B.
Dominion	Tls. 9¼
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 6½ B.
Java Consolidated ...	Tls. 16½
Kamunting	Tls. 6
Kapala	Tls. 0.90
Kapayang	Tls. 27½
Karan	Tls. 12
Kota Bahroes	Tls. 7
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 16 S.
Padang	Tls. 12½ B.
Pengkalan Durian ..	Tls. 8½
Permata	Tls. 3
Repah	Tls. 0.90 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80 B.
Seekee	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1.10
Senawang	Tls. 12
Shanghai Klebang ..	Tls. 0.92½
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
S'hai Malay-pref	Tls. 11.10
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1¼ B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Manggis	Tls. 6¾
S'hai Kalantan	Tls. 77½ cts.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 75 cts.
Taiping	Tls. 1¼ B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.97½
Tebong	Tls. 17½
Ulobri	Tls. 2½
Ziangbe	Tls. 4½ B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110
Culty Dairy	Tls. 9 S.
S'hai Elec and Asb ..	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 66 B.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 23 B.
Horse Bazaar, ...	Tls. 33
Shanghai Mercury ...	Tls. 30
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 78 S.
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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, December 19, 1917.

Money and Bullion

	Tls.
Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate	
@ 105½=Tls.	95.01
@ 72.5=Mex.	$131.05
Mex. Dollars Market rate ...	72.2
Dragon Dollars: native bank rate	
Tls.	11
S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch Tls.	2.80
Bar Silver ..... Tls.	280
Copper Cash ..... per tael	178.3
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 4/4d.=Tls.	4.62
exch. @ 72.5=Mex.	$6.37
Peking Bar ..... Tls.	
Native Interest	.06

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	43d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	72.4
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex. Paris on London ....Fr.	27.52
Ex. N. Y. on London ....T.T.	$476½
Consols ..... £	—

Exchange Opening Quotations

London ..... T.T.	4/4
London ..... Demand	4/4½
India ..... (nominal) T.T.	303½
Paris ..... T.T.	591½
Paris ..... Demand	563½
New York ..... T.T.	103½
New York ..... Demand	98⅝
Hongkong ..... T.T.	69½
Japan ..... T.T.	50
Batavia ..... T.T.	236½

Banks Buying Rates

London	4 m-s. Cdts. 4/6d.
London	4 m-s. Docy. 4/6½d.
London	6 m-s. Cdts. 4/6½d.
London	6 m-s. Docy. 4/6⅝d.
Paris	4 m-s. 619
New York	4 m-s. 107½

Customs House Exchange States For December

Hk. Tls 4.36 @ 4/1⅛		£1
„ 1 @ 565½ =	Francs	6.30
„ 1 No quotation	Marks	†5.14
„ 6.92 @ 97½	Gold	$1
„ 1 @ 52⅝	Yen	2.12
„ 1 @ 15	Rupees	3.44
„ 1 @ 350†	Rubles	9.47
„ 1 @ 1.50	Mex.	$1.50

† Nominal.

Stock Exchange

Transactions

Shanghai, December 19, 1917.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official

Laou Kung Mow Cotton Tls. 65.00
Shanghai Tugs (pref.) Tls. 40.00
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 4.00

Unofficial

Anglo French Land 6% debs. 1908 @ Tls. 86.00
Anglo French Land 6% debs. 1908 @ Tls. 85.00

Sharebrokers' Association

Transactions

Shanghai, December 19, 1917.

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Unofficial

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BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, December 17.—Today's bar silver prices were:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43d. Nothing doing.

Previous Quotation, London, Dec. 15:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43d. Less inquiry.

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Singapore Rubber Auction

Singapore, November 28 and 29.—Following were the prices realised at the rubber Auction this week:—

	Singapore per picul.
Sheet	
Smoked Fine Ribbed ..... @	$103/95
Smoked Good Ribbed ..... „	96/71
Smoked Fine Plain..... „	80
Smoked Good Plain ..... „	Nil
Unsmoked Fine Ribbed ... „	71
Unsmoked Good Ribbed... „	Nil
Unsmoked Fine Plain ... „	74
Unsmoked Good Plain ... „	Nil
Crepe	
Fine Pale Thin ..... „	102/97
Good Pale Thin ..... „	96/77
Good Pale Blanket ..... „	Nil
Good Brown Blanket..... „	Nil
Fine Brown ..... „	78/60
Good Brown ..... „	64/48
Good Dark ..... „	52/38
Barky ..... „	42/15
Scrap	
Virgin and Pressed ..... „	40/27
Loose ..... „	28
Sheet	
Cupwashing ..... „	55

Catalogued for sale Pcls. 20,482 (about 1,219 Tons).

Sold Pcls. 5,988 (about 356 Tons).

The tendency throughout our auction this week was rather erratic, and great variations in prices were experienced. The demand was very moderate, and only about a quarter of the quantity catalogued for sale changed hands at the auction. Fine Ribbed Smoked Sheet sold yesterday at prices ranging from $95 to $103, the average being about $100. Today a few attractive lots reached $104, but this figure was apparently above the market, and the average may again be taken as $100.

Fine Pale Crepe varied from $97 to $102, and today $104 was paid for one lot only, but several lots had to be withdrawn on account of high limits. The average for this grade may be given as $101.

As has been the case for several weeks there was hardly any demand for Good Ribbed Smoked Sheet and Good Pale Crepe, and only poor prices were realised for the few lots sold.

One lot of Plain Smoked Sheet and two lots of Unsmoked Sheet changed hands at above prices. Medium and lower Crepes sold on an average at about same prices as last week. Yesterday rather poor prices were obtained, whereas today there seemed to be a slightly better demand. Scrap was neglected. The tendency at the close was rather easier.

(Meyer and Measor)

Local Exchange Market

Messrs. Maitland and Fearon write as follows in their weekly exchange report of December 19:—

Exchange.—The London price of silver at 43d. is ⅛d. higher than last week. Our local rate for T/T on London, influenced by good offerings of Export paper, and tight money in some quarters for December is 1d. higher. At the close the market is still firm for December, flat for January and weak forward.

With regard to silver we understand that the latest price from America is 89½ Gold Dollar cents per oz. pure and that negotiations of the Allied Governments for the purchase of 100,000,000 oz. of next year's output for currency purposes are no further advanced. The price of 1 G.$ per oz. pure mentioned as the basis of negotiations in a recent Reuter telegram, does not appear to be an attractive one as far as the currencies of India and the Straits Settlements are concerned. Silver coins circulate in these two countries at a guaranteed Gold value of 1/4d. and 2/4d. respectively. Coinage of silver purhased at 1 G. $ per oz. pure would make the actual value of silver contained in their currency about 1/6½d. and 2/7½d. respectively. Our local of sycee and bar silver at Tls. 21,817,000 is about Tls. 242,000 higher than last week. The stock of Mexican Dollars is reported $17,510,000 about the same as last week.

U. K. METAL MARKET

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's metal prices were:—

Standard Copper G. M. B.	£ s. d.
f. o. b. .....Nom.	110 5 0
American Electrolytic 99 90% Copper f. o. b.	125 0 0
Lead L. B. c. i. f. per ton....	Nominal
Soft Lead "Spanish" f. o. b...	30 0 0
Quicksilver, Second hand Ex Warehiuse f. o. b. (1s. Extra in flask).....Nom.	20 10 0
Muntz Metal, f. o. b. London or Liverpool (less ½%)...	Nominal
Standard Tin (Cash).....	304 0 0
Spelter (ordy soft) f. o. b....	52 0 0
Galvanised Sheets 24 Gauge f. o. b.	26 5 0
Standard Tin (3 Months)....	297 0 0

COMMERCIAL CABLES

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's rates, prices and deliveries were:—

Consols 2½% for a-c.....	£54.00
Cheques on London at Paris..	Fr. 27.18
T.T. on London at New York	G.$4.76½
Bar Silver (Spot)	43.00d.
Bank of England Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of Discount.....	4 15/16%
Cotton; Egyptian F. G. F. Sakellaridis	31.40d.
Cotton: M. G. Fine Scinde and Bengal	17.62d.
Cotton: Goodmiddliing Americans	22.73d.
Plantation Rubber (January to March Paid).....	2s. 5¼d.
Deliveries Canton Silk	27 bales
Deliveries Japan Silk .....177 bales	

Tone of Tea Market: Quiet.

Taps Sounds Over Caskets Of U. S. Heroes In France

With the American Army in France, November 7.—The first three American soldiers killed in the trenches in France tonight are sleeping in French soil, honored by the American army and the people and army of France. Their final interment took place yesterday.

With a guard of French infantrymen, in their picturesque uniforms of red and horizon blue, standing on one side and a detachment of American soldiers on the other, the flagdraped caskets were lowered into the grave as a bugler blew taps and the batteries at the front fired minute guns. As the minute guns boomed, the French officer commanding the division in this section paid tribute to the fallen Americans. His words, which were punctuated by the roar of the guns and the whistle of shells, touched both the French and Americans. In conclusion, the French officer said:

"In the name of the Division, in the name of the French army and in the name of France, I bid farewell to Private Enright, Private Gresham and Private Hay, of the American army.

"Of their own free will they had left a prosperous and happy country to come over here. They knew war was continuing in Europe; they knew that the forces fighting for honor, love of justice and civilisation were still checked by the long prepared forces serving the powers of brutal domination, oppression and barbarity. They knew that efforts were still necessary. They wished to give up their generous hearts and they have not forgotten old historical memories, while others forget more recent ones.

"They ignored nothing of the circumstances and nothing had been concealed from them—neither the length and hardships of war, nor the violence of battle, nor the dreadfulness of new weapons, nor the perfidy of the foe. Nothing stopped them. They accepted the hard and strenuous life; they crossed the ocean at great peril; they took their places on the front by our side and they have fallen facing the foe in a hard and desperate hand-to-hand fight. Honor to them. Their families, friends and fellow citizens will be proud when they learn of their deaths.

Men! These graves, the first to be dug in our national soil and only a short distance from the enemy, are as a mark of the mighty land we and our allies firmly cling to in the common task, confirming the will of the people and the army of the United States to fight with us to a finish ready to sacrifice as long as is necessary until final victory for the most noble of causes, and of the liberty of nations, the weak as well as the mighty. Thus the deaths of these humble soldiers appear to us with extraordinary grandeur.

"We will, therefore, ask that the mortal remains of these young men be left here, left with us forever. We inscribe on the tombs. 'Here Lie the First Soldiers of the Republic of the United States to Fall on the Soil of France for Liberty and Justice.' The passerby will stop and uncover his head. Travelers and men of heart will go out of their way to come here to pay their respective tributes.

"Private Enright! Private Gresham! Private Hay! In the name of France, I thank you. God receive your souls. Farewell!"

Local Cotton Market

Messrs. J. Spunt and Co. write as follows in their weekly market report of December 20:—

China Cotton.—The market during the past week has seen an entire change in the situation and from a week market reported in our last issue we have a firm one today. Trading has been restricted to a great extent owing to the stringency in the money markets in China, and while a fair business is passing for cash deliveries very little is reported for forward, though buyers are willing to pay heavy premiums for late deliveries. Exports to Japan during the past week is in the neighborhood of 35,000 piculs and a small business is again reported with that country. There is nothing fresh to add to what has been reiterated in our previous issues and fluctuations will be the order of the day from now on to the end of the China New Year Holidays, after which we expect further activities in the market. Tone of the market, Firm.

Liverpool:

	d.
Egyptian Cotton, F.G.F. Brown	31.65
Price of Fine M. C. Bengal ...	17.72
Price of Good-Americans	23.68
Price of Good-Americans last reported	22.84

Tone of market, Steady.

New York Market:

Price of Mid-American ...Jan. 29.17

Market Steady.

Indian Market:

Feb./March shipments nominal

Broach .....Rs.	112
F. Bengal ..... „	95

Market Quiet.

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's rubber prices were:—

Plantation First Latex Crepe: Spot: 2s. 3½d. paid.

April to June: 2s. 6¼d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Steady.

Previous Quotation, London Dec. 17:—

Spot: 2s. 4¼d. buyers.

April to June: 2s. 6d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Very steady.

Provision Prices in Local Markets

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkew Market as complied on December 18, 1917.

Butcher's Meat		
Beef	per lb.	14-20
Mutton	„	16-20
Pork	„	25-30
Veal	„	25-30
Fish		
Bream	per lb.	14-16
Cod	„	16-18
Mandarin	„	20-30
Mackerel	„	25-30
Pomfret	„	25-30
Salmon	„	16-18
Samli	„	none
Soles	„	16-18
Whitebait	„	16-20
Game, Poultry and Eggs		
Deer	each	1.50-2.00
Duck	„	40-70
Eggs	per doz.	16-20
Fowl	per lb.	16-18
Geese	each	70-1.00
Hare	„	30-35
Partridge	„	40-50
Pheasant	„	50-60
Pigeons	„	15-18
Plover	„	none
Quail	„	14-16
Snipe	„	12-14
Turkey	per lb.	35-40
Teal	each	12-14
Wild Duck	„	30-40
Wild Pigeons	„	10-12
Woodcock	„	50-60
Wild Geese	„	30-40
Fruit		
Appricots	„	none
Bananas	„	5-6
Cherries	„	none
Cocoanuts	each	15-16
Chestnuts	per lb.	8-10
Figs	per doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	none
Lemons	each	5-6
Lichees	per lb.	none
Mangoes	each	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Melons	each	none
Oranges	per lb.	6-8
Peaches	„	none
Persimmons	„	6-8
Peeboes	per lb.	none
Plums	„	none
Pumeloes	each	12-16
Pineapples	„	8-10
Pears	per lb.	8-14
Strawberries	„	none
Walnuts	„	10-12
Vegetables		
Artichokes	per lb.	2-3
Aspacagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	none
Broad Beans	„	8-10
Beetroot	per bunch	1-2
Cabbage	each	3-5
Celery	per bunch	8-10
Carrots	„	2-3
Cauliflower	each	12-15
Egg Plant	per lb.	6-8
French Beans	„	10-12
Green Corn	each	none
Leeks	per bunch	2-3
Mushrooms	per lb.	none
Onions	per lb.	6-8
Peas	„	8-10
Potatoes	per pic.	$2.50-3.00
Parnips	per bunch	3-4
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Spinach	per lb.	2-3
Tomatoes	„	6-8
Turnips	per bunch	2-3
Grain and Flour		
Flour American	per 50 lb.	$6.00
Flour Australian	per 50 lb.	$4.40
Flour Shanghai	per 50 lb.	$2.40
Rice	per 200 lb.	$7.00
Milk		
Foreign dairies	per bottle	20
Chinese dairies	„	17
Fuel		
House Coal	per ton	Tls. 19.50
Stove Coal	per ton	Tls. 21.75
Firewood	per 50 bundles	$1.00
Fodder		
Barley	per 114 lbs.	$2.60
Bran	„	$1.85

E. KILNER.
Chief Inspector.

Vessels To Arrive

From London	
Suwa Maru	Dec. 18
From San Francisco	
Venezuela	Jan.12
From Tacoma	
Canada Maru	Dec. 22
From Seattle	
Inaba Maru .....Dec. 18	

THE CHINA PRESS MAIL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917

Date and Destination	Per	Chi.	Br.	USA	Rus.	Jap.	Reg.
Today							
Japan, Canada, U.S. & Europe	Mexico maru	15.4		..	..		1.30
Japan and U.S.A. via Moji ..	Kasuga maru	..		..	..	A13.30	13.00
Swatow and Hongkong		..	17.00				..
Japan ports	Kasuga maru	12 30					2.00
River Ports	Train & Str.	2 .00		..			21.00
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	To Iwa maru					F11.00	10.30
Swatow, Hongkong & Canton	Koonshing	1.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	2 .00
Honokong and Canton ..	Inaba maru	2 .00	..	..			21.00
Japan, Canada, U. S. & Europe	Tokiwa maru	10.30	..		..	..	9.30
Japan		..	1.30	..	..	..	..
Japan			12. 0	..			
Peking and T'tsin (Every day)	Train				17 0		17.0
T'tsin (Daily except Sunday		..	17 0				
Hankow			17 00				..
Ningpo	Kiangteen	..	16.0			..	..
Tomorrow							
Japan & America via Nagasaki	Yawata maru					c20.00	9.30
Penza		13 3				..	3 .0
River Ports	Train & Str.	2 0		..		..	1.00
Swatow	Shengking	21.00	17.00		16.3	17.00	21.00
Nagasaki and Vladivostock		..	14.0				
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Penza	..				A 3.3	13.00
Europe via N'saki & V'vostock	Penza				B 4.3		14.15
T'tao, Dalny, M'churia & R'pe	Kobe maru	..	..	..	..	H1430	14.00
Tsingtao, Manchuria & Dalny	Kobe maru	13 30	.	..	..		13.00
Japan Ports	Yawata maru	18.0					17.00
Swatow			17.00				
Weihaiwei		..	17 0	..	..	..	..
Saturday, Dec. 22.							
Swatow and Hongkong			17.00				
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama							
Honolulu, U.S. & Europe	Korea maru		..	E .00	..	..	17(21)
Japan & America via Nagasaki	Korea maru	..	..			G1.30	..
Hongkong and Canton	Holhow	21..			16.3	17.0	21.00
Hongkong and Canton ..	Yingchow	21.00	..	..	16 30	17.00	21.00
Hongkong			17.00				
Japan, U. Kingdom via U.S.A			9.00				17(21)
River Ports ..	Train & Str.	2 0					21.00
Weihsiwei and Chefoo..	Tungchow	8.30	9.00	..	..	..	.00
Sunday, Dec 23.							
N'saki, Kobe, Y'hama, C'da, U. S. & E'ope via Canada			D .00				17(22)
Monday, Dec. 24.							
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Hakual maru		..	..	..	G1.00	19 30
Europe via Siberia ..	Via Pukow	21.00					20.30
Europe via Siberia (Express)..	†Via Pukow	..	21.0	..			17.00
Europe via Siberia..	Via Pukow			..	18 00	..	17.30
Wednesday, Dec. 26.							
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow						
Europe via Siberia..	Via Pukow	21.00	..		18.00	..	17.30
				..	..	..	20.30

† Letters forwarded by this route only when specially marked.

A Letters and boxes with declared value 1 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 0.30 p.m.

B Money letters and parcels 11 a.m.

C Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m.

D Parcel post 5 p.m. on previons day

E Postal money orders and parcel post until 5 p.m. on previous day.

F Letters and boxes with declared value 10.30 a.m. Parcel post and money orders 10 a.m.

G Registration 7.30 p.m. on previous day. Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. on previous day. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m. on previous day.

H Letters and boxes with declared value 2 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 1.30 p.m.

Until further notice, mails for Europe, via Pukow and Siberia, will be closed at the Chinese Post Office as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m. Registered mails are closed half an hour earlier.

Mails for Hankow close every day at 11.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Registration at 11.30 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. and for Peking and Tientsin every day at 9 p.m. Registration at 5 p.m. at the Russian post office.

Local Outports Mail

Permanent Notice

Destination.	Mails.	
Shanghai-Nanking Train.	Close Daily. a.m.	p.m.
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Tanyang, Chinkiang, Nanking, Hankow and North China.	7.00	
Soochow, Wusih, Chinkiang, Nanking and all intermediate places	8.00	
	9.00	
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chinkiang, Nanking all River Ports 11.30		
Soochow, Wusih and intermediate places	2.30	
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow and intermediate places	4.30	
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chinkiang, Nanking and all River Ports North China ...	9.00	
Shanghai-Hangchow Train.		
Sinchwang, (and Szeking), Sungkiang, Fengking, Kashan, Kashing, Wangtien, Siashih, (and Tunghianghsien), Changan, (also Shihmen and Shihmenwan), Linping, (and Tangsi), and Hangchow (also Huchow)	6.30	
	8.00	
Sinchwang, Sungkiang, Fengking, Kashan, Kashing, (& Tangsi), Siashih, (and Tunghianghsien), Changan, (also Shihmen and Shihmenwan), Linping and Hangchow (also Shaohing and Siaoshan)		1.30
Sungkiang, Kashing, Hangchow and intermediate places		2.30
Ningpo via Hangchow Sundays only		1.30
Woosung Train.	Close Daily.	
Woosung (also Paoshan and Kiangwan)	5.50	2.10
	7.00	5.00
	10.10	6.30
	11.45	
Steamer.	Daily.	
	Sundays expected	
Ningpo, Chinhai, Tinghai and Wenchow ...		3.30
Steam Launch	Close Daily. a.m.	p.m.
Tsungming, Paochen, Haimenting and Miaochen	7.00	5.00
	11.00	
Chuking and Pinghu ...	8.00	
Huchow, Nanzin and Linghu 11.00		
Minhang, Nankiao and Tukiahang	8.00	
	11.00	
Tatwan, Nanhwei, Fengsien and Sinchang ...	7.00	
	11.00	
Courier		
Chowpu	6.30	
	11.00	
Foot Boat.		
Chwansha	6.45	
	11.00	
Cycle Rider		
Siccawei and Taipac ...	8.00	2.00
	10.00	4.00
		6.00
Kiangnan Arsenal	8.00	2.00
	11.00	4.00

Shipping Items

The I.-C. s.s. Loongwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Chungking left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Nanyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Poyang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Suiyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The I.-C. s.s. Luenho left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyu left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Talee Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Suiyang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The I.-C. s.s. Suiwo will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Luenyi will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kwangtah left Hongkong for Shanghai on Sunday.

The C.M. s.s. Haean left Foochow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Nganking will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The I.-C s.s. Wingsang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

Launch Services

TOMORROW

The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 2.30 p.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the R.V.F. s.s. Penza will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund 1,900,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders 1,200,000

Head Office:
38 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.
T. Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.
W. H. Neville Goschen, Esq.
The Ht. Hon Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I.
W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

Bankers:
The Bank of England.
The London City & Midland Bank Limited.
The London County and Westminster Bank, Limited.
The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.

Agencies and Branches:

Amritsar	Iloilo	Puket
Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Klang	Seremban
Calcutta	Kobe	Singapore
Canton	Kuala-Lumpur	Shanghai
Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F. M. S.)
Foochow	Medan	Tavoy (Lower
Haiphong	New York	Burma)
Hankow	Peking	Tientsin
Hongkong	Penang	Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.

Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

L. R. BREMNER.
Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital ..... Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves ..... Frs. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:

Bankok	Hanoi	Saigon
Battambang	Hongkong	Shanghai
Canton	Mengtze	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Dondichery	Peking	Tourane
Haiphong	Papoote	
Hankoou	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme
Paid-up Capital ....Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt,) and Rotterdam

President:
JEAN JADOT
Souvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Annoyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS,
Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000

Reserve Funds:—
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s. $15,000,000
Silver 18,500,000
$33,500,000

Reserve liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG
Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Deputy Chairman.
Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.
F. C. Butcher, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.
Chief Manager
Hongkong—N. J. STABB.

Branches and Agencies:

Amoy	Ipoh	Peking
Bangkok	Johore	Penang
Batavia	Kobe	Rangoon
Bombay	Kuala Lumpur	Saigon
Calcutta	London	S. Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Shanghai
Colombo	Malacca	Singapore
Foochow	Manila	Sourabaya
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Harbin	New York	Tsingtau
Iloilo		Yokohama

London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	26,960,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government ..	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,750,000

Head Office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St, E.C.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
Paris: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Harbin	Peking
Chanchun	Hongkong	Shanghai
Chefoo	Newchwang	Tientsin
Dairen	Nicolayowsk	Vladivostock
Hailan	O/Amur	Yokohama
Hankow		

81 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

Safe Desposit Boxes.

L. JEZIERSKI,
G. CARRERE,
Managers for China, Japan and India.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital .....H.$2,000,000
Subscribed and paid up Capital .....H.$1,371,500
Reserve Fund .....H.$ 120,000
Investment reserve fund...H.$ 20,000

Head Office:
No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office:
No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG,
Act Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital ...$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital:
Chinese Government 10,000,000.00
Chinese Mercantile Community 2,312,500.00
$12,312,500.00
Reserve Fund 1,892,564.85

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
Branches and Agencies:
Peking, Tientsin, Newchang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow, Ichang, Shansi, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Foochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum, on Dollar Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:
For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG,
Manager.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital ..... Francs 45,000,000
One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE
74, RUE ST. LAZARE, PARIS.
Branches in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Saigon and Hongkong

BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France,
In London: London, County and Westminister Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts in Gold or Local currency and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION,
Manager.
1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(Established 1880.)

Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed ..Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up .... „ 36,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... „ 22,100,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies

Antunghsin	London	Port Arthur
Bombay	Liaoyang	S. Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Seattle
Changchun	Lyons	Singapore
Dalny	Mukden	Sydney
Hankow	Nagasaki	Sinanfu
Harbin	Newchwang	Tiehling
Hongkong	New York	Tientsin
Honolulu	Osaka	Tokio
Kobe	Peking	Tsingtau

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

The Shanghai Commerical and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Up Capital .....$ 300,000.00
Reserve .....$ 10,000.00
Deposits (June, 30, 1917) $1,599,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current accounts in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus...U.S. $6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits...U.S. $1,348,000.00
U.S. $7,848,000.00

Head Office:
55 Wall Street, New York
National City Bank Building.

London Office:
38 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Bankers:

Bombay	Hongkong	Peking
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francico
Canton	London	Santo Domingo
Cebu	Manila	San Pedro de,
Colon	Medellin	Macoris
(Cristobal C.Z.)		Shanghai
Hankow	Panama	Singapore
		Tientsin
		Yokohama

Through its close affiliation with the NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution established at:—

Bahia	Rio de Janeiro
Buenos Aires	Santiago de Cuba
Genoa	Santos
Havana	San Paulo
Montevideo	Valparaiso
Petrograd	

The Corporation issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT on terms which may be ascertained on application, and transacts all other descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

H. C. GULLAND,
Manager.
1a Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.
Paid-up-Capital—
Guilders 60,000,000 (about £5,000,000)
Reserve Fund—
Guilders 11,595,461, (about £966,288)
Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA

Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.

Branches

Bandjermasin	Padang	Soerakarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tebing-Tinggi
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tegal
Djember	Penang	Telok-Betong
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tjilatjap
Hongkong	Rangoon	Weltevreden
Kota-Radja	Semarang	
Langsa	Singapore	
Makassar	Soerabaya	
Medan		

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed Capital 1,125,000
Paid-up Capital 562,500
Reserve Fund 600,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Handy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Pangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore	

Shanghai Branch.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tae Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

R. D. YOUNG,
Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9752

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorised by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1914, and October 31st, 1915.

PAID-UP
Capital: Kuping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
35 Szechuen Road.

Interest allowed on both Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts; Credit granted on approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. TAO,
Manager
Y. M. CHIEN,
Sub-Manager

SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
No. 1 Kiukiang Road

Capital ..... Yen 30,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) . Yen 18,750,000
Reserve ..... Yen 2,800,000
Deposits ..... Yen 150,000,000

President, Baron K. Sumitomo

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi Kure, Niihama, Hiroshima, Yanai Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu Kukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow

London Banker:
LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED
New York Banker:
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N. Y.

Banking Business in General Foreign Exchange Business, Travellers' and Commercial Letters of Credit, Correspondents throughout the World.

S. KASHARA.
Manager.
Tel. No. 2359 —(Sumitomo Bank).
Tel. No. 2360 —(Sumitomo Bank).
Tel. No. 4663 (Compradore Office).

中華銀行 Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916
Head office: Tientsin
Capital $2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ..... $1,000,000.00.

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

Branches and Agencies:

Tientsin	Chinkiang
Shanghai	Soochow
Peking	Wusieh
Hankow	Hangchow
Nanking	Ningpo
Yangchow	Shaohsing
Hsuchow	Canton
Pengpu	Hongkong
Tsingkianpu	

Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. SUN,
Manager
T. D. ZAR,
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Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albeng*	1769	Ger.	Carlowitz	KND
Nov 15	Portland	Adelaide Smith	1248	Am.	R. T. Co.	KND
Dec 16	Japan	Asosan maru	1221	Jap.	M. S. K.	MBKW
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia†	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug 5	Hongkong	China†	3868	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	BIX
Aug 8	Hongkong	Dr. Eickmann*	1651	Ger.	H. D. & C.	KNDW
Dec 17	Karatsu	Dairen maru	2493	Jap.	Dowell & Co.	BH
Dec 17	Hongkong	Ellwara	3460	Br.	P. & O.	PWK
Dec 17	Nanking	Fortuna*	1824	Ger.	H. D. & Co	KNDW
Dec 17	Chefoo	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 3	Chefoo	Heinming	1428	Chi	C.M.S.N.Co.	TKDD
Sept 25	Keelung	Ilmgard	814	Am.		ODW
Dec 12	Japan	Justlandia	3121	Dan.	E. A. Co.	8 VI
Dec 16	N Saddle Island	Kurama maru	115	Jap.	N.K.K.	9Φ
Dec 17	Japan	Kasuga maru	2387	Jap.	N. Y. K.	8HW
Dec 17	Cainwangtao	Kenkon maru	1682	Jap.	K. M. A.	KMAW
Dec 18	Hankow	Kiangwah	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
July 16	Hankow	Meidah*	1682	Ger.	Melchers	KND
July 30	Hankow	Meilee*	1682	Ger.	Melcher	YTPD
Dec 16	Japan	Nagasaki maru	3248	Jap.	Suzuki & Co	MBKW
Dec 12		Patriot	1605	Br.	K.M.A.	YTPDW
Sept 27	Cruise	Pacific	727	Dan.	G.N.T.Co	7p
July 30	Tsingtao	Sikiang*	1840	Ger.	H. A. L.	KNDW
July 30	Hongkong	Silesia†	3318	Aus	Aus Lloyd	OD
Nov 29	Portland	S. V. Margaret	1230	Am.	J. M. & Co.	OD
Dec 12	Cruise	Store Nordiske	598	Dan	G.-N.T. Co.	9p
Dec 7	Hongkong	Shantung	2807	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
Dec 18	Dalny	Sorachi maru	1780	Jap.	Okura & Co.	
Dec 18	Hankow	Tungting	1264	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
Dec 18	Ching	Tungwah	746	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 6	Japan	Wakanoura maru	1495	Jap.	N.Y.K.	CMLW
Dec 17	Chinwangtao	Yei maru	1599	Jap.	K.M.A.	KMAW

*Taken over by the Chinese Government on March 14.
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China		Nov. 19
Shinyo Maru		Nov. 26
For Tacoma		
Manila Maru		Nov. 13
For Seattle		
Grayson		Nov. 10
Inaba Maru		Oct. 18

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Dec 20	..	Victoria & Seattle	Tokiwa maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 21	..	Tacoma and Seattle	Mexico maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
22	10.00*	San Francisco	Korea maru	Jap.	Alexander
24	..	Victoria B.C. and Seattle	Hawaii maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
Jan 5	"	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co.
5	..	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	Alexander

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Dec 20	2.30	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
21	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
22	8.00*	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Yawata maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
22	10.00*	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Korea maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 25	8.00*	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Hakusan maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
27	9.30*	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap	N.Y.K.
29	11.30*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Jan 1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
5	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Dec 29	9.00*	Liverpool etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Dec 20	4.00	Ningpo	Kiangteen	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
20	D.L.	Amoy, H'kong & Canton	Shantung	Br.	B. & S.
" 21	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br.	B. & S.
" 21	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N.S.S.Co
21	D.L.	Swatow, Hongkong & Canton	Koonshing	Br	J. M. & Co.
22	D.L.	Swatow	Shengking	Br.	B. & S.
" 23	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Hoihow	Br.	B. & S.
" 23	..	Hongkong	Canada maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 23	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B. & S.
23		Hongkong	Inaba maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 25	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Suiyang	Br.	B. & S.
27	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br	B. & S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Dec 20	A.M.	Chefoo	Feicheng	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
21	noon	Tsingtao	Sanyo maru	Jap.	S.M.K.
21	8.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
21	5.30	Tsingtao and Dairy	Kobe maru	Jap	S.M.K.
22	noon	Tsingtao	Tencho maru	Jap.	S.M.K.
23	10.00*	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Tungchow	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	8.30*	Dairy	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S.M.K.
26	..	Dairy & Tsingtao	Kohoku maru	Jap.	O.S.K.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Dec 20	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Kiangwah	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
20	M.N.	do	Taioo maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
20	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.
" 21	M.N.	do	Chungking	Br.	B. & S.
21	M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
21	M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 22	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br	B. & S.
" 22	M.N.	do	Suiyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 23	M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
24	M.N.	do	Luenho	Br.	J.M. & Co
" 24	M.N.	do	Kiangyu	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 24	M.N.	do	Talee maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 25	M.N.	do	Luenyi	Br.	B. & S.
" 25	M.N.	do	Fengyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 25	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
" 26	M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br.	B. & S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Dec 19	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
" 19	Hsin Ningshao	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.	NSCW
19	Hongkong	Harold Dollar	2898	Br.	R. Dollar	
19	Vladivostock	Penza	2679	Rus.	R.V.F.	
19	Japan	Hozan maru		Jap.		
19	Hankow	Taioo maru	1756	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW
19	Hongkong	Koonshing	3233	Br.	J.M. & Co	SHW
19	Japan	Yawata maru	3562	Jap.	N.Y.K.	NYKW
19	Japan	Yechigo maru	1165	Jap.		

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Dec 19	Hankow etc	Tachang maru	1369	Jap.	N.K.K.
19	do	Wuchang	1719	Br.	B. & S.
19	do	Kiangtoo	1468	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
19	Takao via F'chow & Keelung	Keelung maru	963	Jap.	O.S.K.
19	Victoria & Seattle	Tokiwa maru	4289	Jap.	N.Y.K.
19	Japan	Suwa maru	4 74	Jap.	N.Y.K.
19	Wuhu	Singan	2147	Br.	B. & S.
19		Javary	782	Am.	B.A.T.
19	Japan	Jinju maru	1706	Jap.	K.M.A.
19	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.
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HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co's Str. Tafoo Maru, Capt. S. Hosokawa, will be despatched from Pootung N.K.K. wharf on Thursday, Dec. 20, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5, The Bund Tel. No. 3256.

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For Southern Ports

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SHANGHAI-YOKOHAMA LINE. (Via Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe.)

YAWATA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yasuhara,	Dec. 22
HAKUAI MARU	5,000	Capt. K. Takano,	Dec. 25
OMI MARU	7,000	Capt. M. Machida,	Dec. 29
YAMASHIRO MARU ...	7,000	Capt. K. Sudzuki,	Jan. 1
CHIKUGO MARU	5,500	Capt. Y. Yui,	Jan. 5

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND OSAKA LINE (Via Moji.)

KASUGA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yagiu,	Dec. 20
KUMANO MARU	9,500	Capt. S. Saito,	Dec. 27

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FOR JAPAN

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CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS
TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE
TIME TABLE

(Published by order of the Administration)

0000 — Midnight, 1330 — 1330 p.m.

July 1st, 1917, and until further notice

Mail 101 B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.	Luxe 1. B. S.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2. B. S.	Mail 4. B.	Mail 103. B. s.
2088	835	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2230	1960	1080
2345	1113	635	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1935	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1930	1658	715
000	1125	650	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2340	524	arr. Mukden dep.	280	. .	1660

Local 5.	Mail 3. B. s.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. s.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1615
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	—	1655	1605
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1547
1133	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1221
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Tschow dep.	—	1043	930
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	640
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1813
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1543
1300	038	—	318	arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—	377	dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1258
1556	316	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	—	130	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2336	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	833	—	523	arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1443
1206	840	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1657	1132	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	728

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
. .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1416	. .
2300	1420	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	660
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line				Lincheng-Tsochuang Branch Line							
930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	536	1710	1800	d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100
1032	1455	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	525	1125	1858	355	1219	1908	a. Tsochuang d.	708	1308	1958

The station for the foreign concessions in Tientsin is "TIENTSIN-EAST"

Conventional Signs.

2300 — train runs on Thursday only. 230 — train runs on Fridays only.

300 — on trains marked thus passengers must hold additional place tickets.
B — train has buffet car with regular meal service

S — train has sleep. accomm. 1st & 2nd class. s — train has only 1st class sleep. accomm.

Application for sleeping accommodation at $5.00 per berth should, at the earliest possible moment, be made to the Traffic Manager at Tientsin, or to the Traffic-Inspectors at Tientsin, Tsinanfu, Hsuchowfu or Pukow.

By Order.
THE TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Tientsin, July 1917.

Large Display Advertisements
intended for the Sunday issue of The China Press should be sent in before **5 p.m. on Friday.**

Business and Official - - - Notices - - -

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NOTICE

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16173

ALMA ESTATES, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 71 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 20th day of December, 1917, at 4.30 p.m. for presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts to the 30th September, 1917, and the transaction of the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 15th to Thursday, 20th December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
HUGO REISS & CO.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, Dec. 8, 1917.
16119

8 per cent Military Loan

Redemption of Drawn Bonds

THE repayment of 8 per cent Military Bonds drawn at the Third Drawing amounting to $1,700,000 will commence on December 10th, 1917. The repayment will be made in silver. For list of numbers of Drawn Bonds please apply to the Bank of China, Shanghai.

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
Peking, 26th November, 1917.
16155

The Shanghai Chemical Laboratory
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Honan Anthracite (lump).....	$26.00
Shansi Anthracite	29.50
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House Coal No. 1.....	27.50
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Kitchen Coal No. 2.....	23.50
Charcoal.....per 2 baskets...	1.20
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16102

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Overseas Trading Company, with whom I was formerly connected, has discontinued its business, and I have no further connections therewith.

All future business carried on by me will be under the name of the TRANS-PACIFIC CORPORATION, organised under the laws of Oregon, U.S.A., of which corporation I am Vice-President, and hold its full power of attorney.

O. B. GAINSBOROUGH.

Shanghai, 17th December, 1917.
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KAISER SUGGESTED PEACE TO BRITAIN

Balfour States Hint Was Received Through Neutral Diplomat In September

BUT NO NEGOTIATIONS

England's Reply That Proposal Would Be Referred To Allies Was Unanswered

(A little more detail is contained in the following Asahi and Kakusai despatches than was contained in the recent Reuter's cable on the same subject):

London, December 11.—Mr. Balfour confirmed in Parliament today the Russian disclosure regarding the German inquiry through a neutral diplomat in September relative to peace. The British Government replied that it was willing to receive whatever communication Germany desired to make and discuss it with the Allies. Germany, however, made no further communication.

Peace Suggestion To Britain

London, December 11.—Mr. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, speaking in the House of Commons today, stated that last September the Government received a communication from Germany, sent through a neutral diplomatic channel saying that Germany would be glad to make a communication to the British Government regarding peace.

The Government replied that they were prepared to receive any communication Germany desired to make and discuss it with the Allies. The Government informed France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States of the German suggestion and their reply. No answer has been returned and no other official communication received.

Siccawei Weather Report

18.—Fine weather, sharp cold, snowfall in Shantung. Strong northerly winds on the coast. The pressures have considerably risen on the continent. Heavy anticyclone prevailing in Central China.

19.—Fine cold weather. Very high pressures in our regions with moderate N.W. breezes.

Wednesday, December 19, 1917.

WEATHER 4 a.m. 9 a.m.		
Bar. at Centg., mm...	773.21	774.81
Bar. at Centg., inches.	30.44	30.50
Variation mm for 24h	†5.56	†4.98
Variation mm for 12h	†3.52	†2.36
Wind—Direction	NNW	NW
Wind—Kilom per hour	15	24
Wind—Miles	9.3	14.9
Temperature—Cen ...	−2°9	−1°0
Temperature—Fah ...	26.8	30.2
Humidity: co	75	63
Nebulosity 5-10	0	0
Rainfall mm	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—

NO BARGAINING WITH GERMANY, SAYS LODGE

New York, December 10.—At a dinner here last evening Senator Lodge declared that there must be no truce and no bargaining with Germany. "Her word is worthless," he declared, "and there is no hope for a final settlement except by physical guarantees won on the battlefield."

Ex-president Roosevelt, who was another guest at the dinner said that Austria-Hungary and Turkey were not nations but were "racial tyrannies, in which neither democracy or civilisation is safe while their present governments exist."

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SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE, IN FORCE FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1917

Up—Shanghai North To Nanking (Main Line) Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	Local	Express R	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Local	Fast Local	Night Express R.S.
SHANGHAI NORTH....dep.	..	7.55	9.10	9.40	12.45	15.25	17.15	23.00
SOOCHOW ....dep.	..	9.41	11.22	12.20	14.55	18.15	19.20	1.08
WUSIH .....dep.	..	10.31	12.24	13.41	16.54	19.27	20.20	2.10
CHANGCHOW dep.	6.50	11.22	13.16	15.03	16.48	..	21.25	3.10
TANYANG....dep.	8.05	12.09	14.11	16.16	17.41	..	..	..
CHINKIANG..dep.	9.16	12.52	14.55	17.17	18.22	..	..	5.06
NANKING.....arr.	11.19	14.15	16.30	19.13	19.50	..	..	*6.50
PUKOW .....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	T.P.R.	9.00
TSINANFU ...dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second	2.20
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Day	16.28
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	M.R.	16.53
PEKING .....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		19.50

STATIONS.	Local	Fast Local	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Express R.	Local	Night Express R.S.
PEKING .....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	P.M.R.	8.38
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		11.15
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	T.P.R.	12.00
TSINANFU....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Second	2.18
PUKOW.....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Day	7.58
NANKING ....dep.	..	..	7.20	8.05	11.45	14.20	15.35	*23.00
CHINKIANG..dep.	..	..	9.00	10.17	13.30	16.06	18.16	1.00
TANYANG ....dep.	..	..	9.36	10.59	14.12	16.41	19.08	..
CHANGCHOW dep.	7.00	..	10.34	12.19	15.08	17.39	20.20	3.08
WUSIH .....dep.	8.15	7.10	11.28	13.34	16.00	18.29	..	4.11
SOOCHOW ....dep.	9.35	8.09	12.23	14.54	17.01	19.21	..	5.12
SHANGHAI NORTH ....arr.	12.15	10.15	14.20	17.50	19.00	21.00	..	7.01

R. Restaurant Cars.
S. Sleeping Cars.
*Connects Pukow with through Siberian Service.

To Shanghai North. (BRANCH LINE) To Woosung Forts.

WOOSUNG FORTS ..dep.	6.50	8.10	11.10	13.15	16.00	18.10	19.50	21.20	SHANGHAI NORTH dep.	6.10	7.30	10.30	12.25	14.50	17.30	19.10	20.40
KIANGWAN dep.	7.17	8.37	11.37	13.42	16.27	18.37	20.17	21.47	KIANGWAN dep	6.21	7.41	10.41	12.36	15.01	17.41	19.21	20.51
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	7.25	8.45	11.45	13.50	16.35	18.45	20.25	21.55	WOOSUNG FORTS..arr.	6.15	8.05	11.05	13.00	15.25	18.05	19.45	21.15

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAHKOU—"DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAHKOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	Local	Fast R	Slow	Coolie & Goods	Local	Express R	Local	Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.	....	7.35	9.00	10.00	....	14.50	15.50	....
Jessfield ..... dep.	....	7.51	9.16	10.23	....	15.06	16.06	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	7.58	9.23	0.38	....	15.13	16.13	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	8.15	9.40	10.53	....	15.30	16.29	....
Shanghai South ..... dep.	....	*7.45*	*9.10*	*10.20*	*13.35*	*15.00*	*16.00*	*17.55*
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	*8.15*	*9.40*	*10.53*	*13.52*	*15.30*	*16.29*	*18.12*
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	8.59	10.48	12.02	....	16.07	17.42	....
Kashai ..... dep.	....	9.51	11.52	13.28	....	16.53	18.49	....
Kashing ..... dep.	7.40	10.25	12.30	14.35	....	17.53	19.20	....
Yehzah ..... dep.	8.45	11.05	13.15	15.50	....	18.24	....	....
Changan ..... dep.	9.45	11.41	14.00	16.50	....	18.24	....	....
Hangchow ..... dep.	11.10	12.50	15.25	18.30	....	19.19	....	....
Zahkou ..... arr.	11.35	13.10	15.50	19.00	....	19.35	....	....

STATIONS	Local	Local	Fast R	Slow	Local	Coolie and Goods	Express R	Local
Zahkou ..... dep.	....	....	6.30	7.55	....	9.20	14.10	15.30
Hangchow ..... dep.	....	....	7.00	8.30	....	10.00	14.35	16.05
Changan ..... dep.	....	....	8.04	9.48	....	11.40	15.20	17.35
Yehzah ..... dep.	....	....	8.41	10.31	....	12.39	15.51	18.40
Kashing ..... dep.	....	7.15	9.28	11.22	....	14.10	16.30	19.30
Kashai ..... dep.	....	7.48	9.53	11.55	....	14.48	16.52	....
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	9.05	10.47	12.59	....	16.08	17.40	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	*8.18*	*10.33*	*11.38*	*14.08*	*15.33*	*17.23*	*18.23*	....
Shanghai South ..... arr.	*8.35*	*10.50*	*11.55*	*14.25*	*15.50*	*17.40*	*18.40*	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	10 36	11.35	14.05	....	17.18	18.20	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	10.39	11.44	14.14	....	17.28	18.29	....
Jessfield ..... dep.	....	10.46	11.51	14.21	....	17.37	18.36	....
Shanghai North ..... arr	....	11.00	12.05	14.35	....	17.55	18.50	....

KONZENCHIAO TO ZAHKOU KIANGSHOO BRANCH LINE. ZAHKOU TO KONZENCHIAO

Konzenchiao.... dep.	6.50	8.25	11.25	14.00	15.55	18.35	Zahkou..... dep.	....	10.10	12.25	...	17.20	....
Kenshangmun .. dep.	7.10	8.50	11.40	14.15	16.15	18.50	Hangchow..... dep.	7.30	10.40	12.45	14.55	17.50	19.15
Hangchow..... dep.	7.20	9.15	11.52	14.24	16.30	19.00	Kenshangmun .. dep.	7.42	10.57	12.57	15.12	18.07	19.27
Zahkou..... arr.	....	9.40	12.10	....	16.55	....	Konzenchiao.... arr.	7.55	11.10	13.10	15.25	18.20	19.40

R. Restaurant Cars

Business and Official Notices

The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Limited, of Denmark

NOTICE.

CURRENCY CHARGES ON TELEGRAMS.

Senders of telegrams are hereby notified that from the 1st of January, 1918, until further notice, the charges for telegrams will be collected at the rate of $0.26 to equal Fr. 1,00.

J. J. BAHNSON,
General Manager in China and Japan.

Shanghai, 20th December, 1917.
16251

WANTED

WANTED. Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials, for the position of Transport Officer, Chinese Post Office, Shanghai; should be addressed to the Postal Commissioner.
16253

Customs Notification

No. 888.

CUSTOMS HOLIDAYS.

Notice is hereby given that the Custom House will be closed and the shipment and delivery of cargo suspended on Saturday, the 22nd December, 1917 (Winter Solstice Holiday), Tuesday, the 25th December, 1917 (Christmas Day), and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1918 (New Year Holidays).

R. H. R. WADE,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Shanghai, 18th December, 1917.
16240

An Opportunity Not to be Missed!

On all orders accompanied by cash received between December 19th and 24th, we will give the following special reductions:—

Cigarettes and Tobaccos	5%
Cigars	10%
Smokers' Sundries	20%

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THERE are those whose will-power is very good when they have decided what they will do. But they find it difficult to arrive at a decision. They balance the pros and cons to weariness, and cannot settle the matter in hand. The truth is, their minds are confused, and it is but vaguely that they think at all. If this is your habit—that of indecision—you must summon your entire strength to its destruction. The difficulty is more or less constitutional; nevertheless it may be overcome.

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As under return tickets at a fare and a half will be issued on and from Friday, the 21st December, 1917, until January 3rd, 1918, inclusive.

S.N.R.:—First and second class between Shanghai North, Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Tanyang, Chinkiang and Nanking.

S.H.N.R.:—First, second and third class return tickets between Shanghai South, Sungkiang, Kashai, Kashing, Yeh Zah, Changan, Konzengchiao and Hangchow.

First, second and third class through return tickets at a fare and half will be issued from or to any of the stations above mentioned.

By Order,
THE TRAFFIC MANAGER.
16248

THE SHANGHAI & HONGKEW WHARF COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCRIP Certificates Numbers 693A and 694A each for 100 Shares in the name of R. H. Elias, Numbers 728A for 60 Shares and 1155A for 100 Shares in the name of J. R. Elias and Number 1359A for 100 Shares in the name of W. C. D. Turner having been lost, the public are warned against negotiating same, and NOTICE is hereby given that Duplicate Certificates for the said Shares will be issued one month hence and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

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Shanghai, 14th December, 1917.
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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR CHINA

IN RE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MAMIE DOLAN, Deceased.

Cause No. 620
Special Proceeding No. 223
(Testamentary)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Mamie Dolan, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers, to Stirling Fessenden, Administrator cum testamento annexo of her estate, on or before June 13, 1918; and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to the said Administrator cum testamento annexo.

STIRLING FESSENDEN,
Administrator cum testamento annexo,
No. 123 Szechuen Road,
Shanghai, China.
Shanghai, China, Dec. 13, 1917.
16153

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WILLIAM H. LACY,
Administrator cum testamento annexo,
10 Woosung Road,
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IN THE UNITED STATESCOURT FOR CHINA

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